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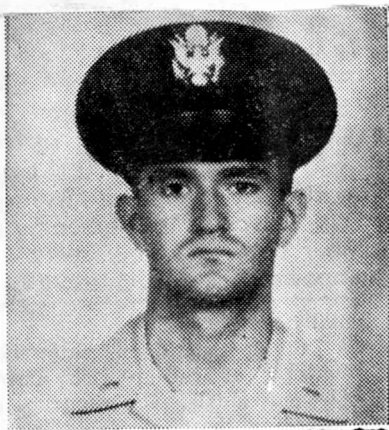
Army Private First Class
Eddie L. Massey

Army Private First Class Eddie L. Massey 20, son of Mrs. Julia Massey, Lake City, Tenn., recently received the Purple Heart during ceremonies in Vietnam in May 1969. He holds the gunner in Company C 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade, was presented the award for wounds suffered in action against hostile forces in Vietnam. He entered the Army in November 1968, completed basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., before arriving in Vietnam in May 1969. He holds the Combat Infantryman Badge. The sold-

ier attended Lake City high school and was employed by Union Circulation Company, Atlanta, Ga., before entering the Army. His father, Oscar Massey, lives at 5111 North Fourteenth and One-half.

Equipment Operator Third Class Gary A. Fisk, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dane O. Fisk, RR 1, West Terre Haute, is serving with U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 in Vietnam. Presently in its third Vietnam deployment, the battalion was moved to Camp Hoover in Danang. Though it has two details outside of the Danang area, the majority of the unit works in support of the fighting troops there. The battalion will construct operational and living facilities for these troops while carrying on an active civic action program with the Vietnamese people.

Equipment Operator Third Class Robert L. Sharp Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sharp, 5 Woodridge Dr., has returned from Vietnam with U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 58 to its homeport at Davisville, R. I. This tour was the third to Vietnam for the battalion since it recommissioning in 1966. Highlights of the deployment include: reconstruction of the Song Tra Bridge, an 800-foot reinforced concrete structure; a record breaking 254,000 tons of rock crushed for use in road construction in the five northernmost provinces of South Vietnam; reconstruction of 12 arches, covered with a foot of concrete, at Chu Lai Air Base to protect the troops there from enemy rockets and mortars.



Noel S. Burke

Noel S. Burke, son of Mrs. Martha Burke, 514½ South Fifth, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officers Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex. Lt. Burke, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Laredo AFB, Tex., for pilot training. He was graduated in 1965 from State high school and received his BS degree in 1969 from Indiana State University. His father, retired U. S. Army Master Sergeant Leonard V. Burke, resides in Wheatland.

Marine Lance Corporal Kenneth E. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Graham, 2205 North Fifteenth, attended the First Marine Division's stand-down center with the Third battalion, First Marine Regiment, First Marine Division. The center is designed to give two days rest and relaxation to First Division infantrymen. Recreation facilities provided by the center include a beach, volleyball and boat rides. In addition, two recreation rooms are open 24 hours a day.

Seaman Apprentice Michael R. McClain, USN, of RR 52, is serving with Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Four at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla. The squadron known as the "hurricane hunters" is assigned to the task of hurricane surveillance and year-round weather reconnaissance for the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

U. S. Air Force Major Robert L. Davis, son of Charles W. Davis, Muncie, has arrived for duty at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. Maj. Davis, a staff weapons director, is assigned to the 6250th Support Squadron a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. He previously served at Da Nang AB, Da Nang AB, Vietnam. A graduate of Muncie Central high school, the major received his BS degree in 1954 from Ball State University. His wife, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Leslie V. Jenkins, 1358 Cruft.

Chief Aviation Fire Control Technician Charles R. Hart, USN, son of Mrs. Jessie P. Hart, 2204 Franklin, completed an eight-week maintenance course with Naval Air Maintenance Training Detachment 1014 at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Oceana, Va. The course dealt with a missile control system of the Phantom II aircraft. Detachment 1014 is one of 60 detachments throughout the United States which provides onsite maintenance training for Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

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Frederick L. Hinesley

Frederick L. Hinseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Hinseley, 3001 North Fifth, recently was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex. Lt. Hinseley is now assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training as an aircraft maintenance officer. A graduate of Fontanet high school, the lieutenant attended the College of Guam and received his BS degree from Michigan State University, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma. His wife, Brenda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bauer, Durand, Wis.

Army Private First Class Robert J. McKenzie, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. McKenzie, 635 Barton Ave., has been assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in Vietnam, as a rifleman.

ASH, PAUL



SP-4 PAUL 'MIKE' ASH
Killed in Vietnam

Paul 'Mike' Ash Killed In Vietnam Fighting

T.H. Trib. 2/19/68 P. 1

A 21-year-old Garfield High School graduate became the seventh Vigo County casualty of the Vietnam war, Friday.

Sp-4 Paul "Mike" Ash was reported killed during a fire fight with hostile forces while serving near Chu Chi with the First

Vietnam for nine months. According to members of his family, he was scheduled to return to the United States in June. He and his fiancée, Linda Bose, 2206 7th Ave., had planned to be married upon his return.

Garfield Graduate

The young soldier graduated from Garfield High School in 1966. After completing his hitch in Vietnam, he would have had approximately one more year to serve in the Army.

Surviving besides the parents are: two brothers, Bob Ash, Prairie Creek; and Jerry Ash, 1629 N. 7th St.; a sister, Susie,

at home; his grandmother, Mrs. Mame Roberts, 1717 Lafayette Ave.; and several other relatives.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

The report of Ash's death comes within only one month of the last report of a Vigo County soldier killed in Vietnam.

Pfc. Jack Kupferer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Kupferer, was killed Jan. 19, in action while serving with Co. B, 1st Battalion, 5th Mechanized, 25th Infantry Division. He had been in the country for less than two months when his death occurred.

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Battalion, 27th Infantry of the 25th Division. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ash, 2039 N. 6½ St., Terre Haute.

Ash entered the service in January, 1967. He had been in

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Ash, Paul

Parents Get T.H. Trib. 11/26/68 Medals Earned By Sgt. Ash



SGT. PAUL ASH

The parents of a Terre Haute man who was killed in Vietnam last February have been presented a number of medals their son earned while serving in that country.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Ash, 2039 N. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ St., received the medals for their son, Sgt. Paul M. Ash, 21, who was killed in Vietnam Feb. 16.

Capt. Thomas K. Forsythe, assistant professor of military science at Rose Polytechnic Institute, presented Ash's parents with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, the Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon and the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar.

Sgt. Ash was a 1966 graduate of Garfield High School.

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THE TRIBUNE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1973 9

Local Soldier Dies in Air Crash

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A decorated Terre Haute soldier was one of 14 members of the Army stunt parachute team killed Thursday when the plane they were flying in crashed in a muddy cornfield near Silk Hope, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Charles Barbarick, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes A. Barbarick, 1400 Ash St., who was said to have a "bushel basketfull" of medals, was one of the crash victims of the Golden Knights precision parachute team identified by an Army spokesman.

Barbarick, a graduate of Gerstmeyer Technical High School, was a 12-year veteran who had served three tours in Vietnam.

According to Associated Press, no apparent cause for the crash was given.

Although Army sources said there were 14 bodies recovered,

rescue workers said they had counted 15. An Army spokesman at Ft. Bragg, N. C., where the flight originated, said a 15th person possibly could have been aboard.

The victims included 11 members of the parachute team and two pilots and a crew chief.

The bodies were scattered as far as 200 yards from the wreckage of the twin-engine, propeller-driven craft.

The C47 transport, which the Army said was en route from Ft. Bragg to Overland Park, Kan., crashed shortly before 9 a.m., according to Hadley Harris, a farmer who lives about a half-mile from the site of the wreck.

"I heard it flying over, and it sounded normal except it seemed awfully low," Harris said. "Then there was the sound of kind of a small explosion. A few seconds later, the whole house started to shake. I guess that's when the plane hit the ground."

Mrs. Alfred Newlin, on whose farm the plane went down, said she couldn't be sure, but "when it came through the fog it looked like it had only one wing."

The white plane, trimmed in black and gold, was nearly unrecognizable as an aircraft as it lay amid brown cornstalks.

Its fuselage was torn with jagged holes. Parts of the

plane, including a wing and an engine, were half-buried in the mud as far as 400 yards away. Scattered about the cornfield and the surrounding woodland were white sheets which rescue workers had placed over the bodies.

The Golden Knights had performed at Chrisman, Ill., last Aug. 27 in a parachuting and free fall demonstration sponsored by American Legion Post

477. The exhibition came at the climax of the summer-long observance of the Chrisman Centennial.

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PROMOTED — Clifford (Barney) Baugh, a West Vigo High School graduate and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fields of RR 4, West Terre Haute, has been promoted to lance corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps. Baugh, stationed at Da Nang, South Vietnam, has served seven months with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam.

BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

T SEP 28 1978

Marker dedicated to Vietnam MIA

In ceremonies conducted by the officers and honor guard of the American Legion Krietens-tein Post 1084, a permanent memorial marker was dedicated at the flag staff of Sky King Airport to Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher.

He received his wings at Sky King while serving in the United States Navy.

Beecher was declared missing in action in Vietnam on June 11, 1967, and his remains have never been recovered.

The ceremonies were in-

itiated by his father and step-mother, attorney Samuel E. and Lulubelle Beecher. A flag was presented to Herman Brown to be flown at Sky King Airport in memory of Beecher by his father.

Father Joseph Rickards of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church also presented a check to Carl Parks of the Indiana State University Foundation on behalf of the Beechers for the Memorial Scholarship Fund previously established by Beecher for his son.

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IN MEMORY — A permanent memorial marker is now resting at the flag staff of Sky King Airport after it was dedicated in memory of Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher who was declared missing in action in Vietnam in 1967. Airport owner Herman Brown, left, will fly a flag at the facility for Beecher presented by his father, attorney Samuel E. Beecher, and stepmother, Lulubelle. Also present for the dedication was Father Joseph A. Rickards Jr., right.

House of Photography

BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

U.S. Pilot Q. Beecher Presumed Dead

S JUN 7 1973

A Terre Haute serviceman, who wanted to fly so badly he switched branches of service to become a pilot, has been officially listed as dead.

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher had been reported as missing in action after his helicopter disappeared off the coast of South Vietnam on June 11, 1967. On Wednesday, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beecher Jr., 112 Woodridge Ave., received a telegram informing them Quentin was officially presumed dead.

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The helicopter pilot's father told The Star that victims of all Vietnam War water crash sites, which are impossible to search, are being reclassified from "missing in action" to "presumed dead." The four other members of CWO Beecher's crew also have now been listed as dead.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Roberta A. McKimpson, Hammond, and Elizabeth Beecher, at home; grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Waldo F. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beecher Sr., all of Terre Haute; a nephew and two nieces.

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The family said no memorial service is planned. Any contributions to the Indiana State University Foundation in Quentin's name for aviation training would be appreciated by the family.

Quentin Beecher, who was born Sept. 14, 1942, had

transferred to the Army after six years' service in the Navy in order to become a helicopter pilot. After graduating first in his flight school class, he was assigned to duty in Vietnam and arrived there in March, 1967. He flew regularly until his craft disappeared that June.

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Quentin's military career actually began years earlier when as a high school student he completed the Culver (Ind.) Military Academy summer naval course. He then joined the U.S. Naval Reserve during his senior year at Terre Haute Wiley High School.

He was graduated from high school in 1960 and before going on active duty with the Navy served as chauffeur for U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.). Bayh was then a state legislator assisting the gubernatorial campaign of Matthew Welsh. Beecher also had served as a legislative page for Bayh.

Beecher received naval training in cryptography and oceanography and served aboard the oceanographic ship the U.S. San Pablo in the Atlantic Ocean. He later taught at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

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But the Navy petty officer wanted to fly and could not in that service. So, Beecher, who already was a civilian pilot, arranged with the aid of Sen. Bayh and local attorney Hugh

McQuillan of the U.S. Marine Reserve to transfer to the Army. Beecher had taken flight training at Sky King Airport here.

He was discharged from the Navy after six years service to accept a Warrant officer's commission in the Army. He then took Army helicopter training at bases in Texas and Alabama before being assigned to Vietnam.

The missing pilot's father said the family was first informed of the death reclassification on Tuesday by Major David Hansen of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology ROTC program. Maj. Hansen is casualty officer for the Terre Haute area.

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The telegram received Wednesday is as follows —

"The Secretary of the Army has asked me to express with deep regret that pursuant to the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, U.S.C., upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of the Army, chief, casualty division, office of the Adjutant General, finds your son Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing on the 11th day of June, 1967. For the purpose stated in said section, death is presumed to have occurred on the fifth day of June, 1973. Please accept my deepest sympathies."

The telegram is signed by Verne L. Bowers, major general of the office of the adjutant general.

The dead pilot's mother, Mrs. Samuel Beecher Jr., formerly served as Indiana Coordinator for the National League of Families of the American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

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BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

Mrs. Beecher Back from POW Session

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A Terre Haute woman whose son has been missing in action in Vietnam since 1967 was one of a group of about 25 attending a briefing at the White House last Friday for board members and others associated with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Samuel E. Beecher Jr., former Indiana coordinator for the organization, told the TRIBUNE she attended as a non-board member. Mrs. Beecher was succeeded as coordinator in November by Mrs. David H. Duart of West Lafayette.

Mrs. Beecher said she asked Kissinger, President Nixon's top foreign affairs adviser, "If and when the men come home, what can we say to them when they ask, 'Where've you been and why has it taken so long?'"

She said Kissinger replied, "It's a national disgrace," but did not elaborate.

Mrs. Beecher said she left the briefing feeling better informed about efforts toward freeing prisoners of war. The Beechers' son, Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher, 29, has been missing since June 11, 1967. A helicopter he was piloting was believed shot down off the coast of South Vietnam.

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MIA for 5th Memorial Day

ITS MAY 27 1973

The postcard reads: "This Indiana serviceman is still missing and unaccounted for. Don't let him be forgotten." It carries a sketch of a smiling young man at the controls of a helicopter and has been pre-addressed to President Richard M. Nixon.

The card is one of hundreds prepared from "Unforgettable Faces," a book of drawings by Shary Aument to call attention to United States servicemen still listed as missing-in-action in Southeast Asia. The sketch was made from one of the last photographs taken of Terre Haute resident, CWO Quentin R. Beecher before his helicopter disappeared several miles off shore over the South China Sea in 1967.



Like that of 1,300-plus American service men, Beecher's status remains a mystery. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beecher Jr., 112 Woodridge Dr., join hosts of other relatives of MIA's, seeking answers and

hoping one day to know what happened to their sons. MIA stories have been all but washed from the front pages of most newspapers by Watergate material in recent weeks and continued conflict in Asian countries makes the

search for information more difficult, the Beechers and others continue to prod high ranking government officials. They have been assured the fullest possible accounting for the missing men.

But the wait is long, the red tape involved thick and the search methods often appear futile to those who wait.

A note accompanying the postcard from Mrs. Beecher puts the futility into words:

"With Memorial Day coming up and with June 11 the sixth anniversary of Quentin's disappearance, I'm taking the liberty of mailing these enclosures . . . Sam and I are not hopeful of Quentin's return; on the other hand, we don't want him to be forgotten and we just hope to God we don't have to wait out another six years to get his status established from this uncertainty and horrendous missing in action to killed in action if that is what they finally determine."

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BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

Mrs. S. Beecher Reacts To News Of Ceasefire

JAN 24 1973

By BILL MABIN
Star Staff Writer

The mother of a Terra Haute serviceman missing in Southeast Asia for 5½ years, reacted calmly Tuesday night to President Nixon's statements of a Vietnam ceasefire and forthcoming prisoner return.

Mrs. Samuel E. Beecher Jr., 112 Woodridge Drive, told The Star, "We will soon know the moment of truth."

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Her son Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher, an Army helicopter pilot, has been missing in action off the coast of South Vietnam since June 11, 1967. Mrs. Beecher said the family has received no evidence that he is either dead or is being held prisoner by the Communists.

Mrs. Beecher said she is waiting to know the exact details of the ceasefire and return of prisoners. "We'll be greatly relieved when the ceasefire goes into effect," she said.

She said the Defense Department has assured families of missing servicemen that every effort will be made to determine the fate of those who are not returned from prisoner camps in Southeast Asia.

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"I'm dazed we're so absolutely close to the end of this horrendous business," she said. "It leaves us a little bit stunned."

Mrs. Beecher has been active in lobbying efforts by families

of missing or captured service men. She is a former Indiana coordinator for the National league of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in South-east Asia.

The Beechers have waited for 5½ years to learn of their son's fate. The answer may be known soon or the wait may continue. Mrs. Beecher called the vigil a "nightmare."

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BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

A Mother's Heartache

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While many Hoosier families are planning a joyful reunion with returning prisoners of war, a Terre Haute mother, Mrs. Samuel Beecher Jr., feels nothing but heartache.

It now appears likely her son, Quentin R. Beecher, 30, who has been missing in action since his helicopter went down June 11, 1967, about 20 miles off the shore of South Vietnam during a typhoon, won't be coming home.

His name is not on the initial lists of prisoners of war released since the cease-fire was announced.

Mrs. Beecher, a former co-ordinator of Indiana Families of War-Missing in Action, and her husband courageously hoped for their son's return since 1967. But recent events all but snuffed out that possibility.

After seeing the lists, Mrs. Beecher said:

"At this point, bitterness is really not the word for the way I feel. It is more like an ache that won't go away."

Discussing the Vietnam war, she added:

"I hate to think my six-year-old grandson will be subjected to the kind of experience his Uncle Quentin experienced."

We share the grief of the Beecher family and others who lost loved ones in Vietnam.

Hopefully, our country and the rest of the world learned something from this lengthy war.

We all fervently hope that we do have a true and lasting peace.

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Local serviceman remains missing

BY PAUL McAULIFFE
Statesman Staff Writer

The son of a Terre Haute couple is the only local serviceman yet unaccounted for in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

Chief Warrant Officer Quentin R. Beecher has been listed as missing in action since the helicopter he was riding in went down about 20 miles off the coast of South Vietnam on June 11, 1967. Beecher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Beecher Jr. of

112 Woodridge Dr.

Beecher's "chances of survival are slim," said his mother in a phone interview with the Statesman recently. She said the helicopter went down in a typhoon.

Fishing boats were sighted in the area after the crash, said Ms. Beecher. "If by some miracle there was a fishing boat near he could have been rescued and taken to a nearby island," she said. The off-shore islands have never been

searched but Ms. Beecher said she understands that they will be soon.

The helicopter that Beecher was riding in when it crashed had, shortly before, rescued him from the crash of a helicopter he had been piloting.

Beecher graduated from Wiley High School in 1960 where he was active in the band and orchestra. He was 24-years-old when he was reported missing in action.

Ms. Beecher is past Indiana coordinator of the National

League of Families of POW/MIA's. She and her husband have taken part in a number of the organizations activities.

She was in a group that met with Henry Kissinger to discuss the prisoners and MIA's.

In September, 1971, the Wall Street Journal interviewed the Beechers while they were in Washington taking part in a march on the White House.

Also in 1971, Ms. Beecher was part of a delegation that appealed to the United Nations Commission

on Human Rights in behalf of the POW's and MIA's.

National perspective

In Washington, Pentagon officials are trying to account for 1,269 U.S. servicemen still listed as missing in action and 56 others who were thought to be held captive by the Communists but were not on the list of prisoners released by North Vietnam.

Of the 555 Americans identified as captives by the North Vietnamese, 508 were previously listed as POW's by the Pentagon.

Forty-five others had been classified as missing in action by American authorities.

The name of Marine Pfc. Ronald L. Ridgeway, Houston, Tex., turned up on North Vietnam's captive list after the Pentagon had classified him as killed in action.

Another serviceman, who had been named as a deserter, was also on the list released by North Vietnam.

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BEECHER, QUENTIN R.

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**CWO Quentin R. Beecher
Is Featured in New Book**

A Terre Haute serviceman is featured in a book which immortalizes America's fighting men who are either missing in action or prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

A drawing of CWO Quentin R. Beecher and reflections of him from his family are found in "Unforgettable Faces," a 216-

page book by artist, humanist and volunteer, Shary Aument.

Publishing of the book is the result of an idea and more than a year of work, conceived, carried out and financially supported by Mrs. Aument.

Mrs. Aument, internationally known as "the Angel with a Sketchbook," began a series of drawings of American GIs imprisoned or lost in Southeast Asia from snapshots sent to her by the families.

At her suggestion the families wrote letters describing the missing men. Mrs. Samuel Beecher, Jr., the mother of Quentin, corresponded with Mrs. Aument and the letter appears in the book.

Mrs. Beecher's copy of the publication arrived at her home in Terre Haute the day before her son's 30th birthday. He was 24 when he was reported missing June 11, 1967.

Before the book was published, exhibitions of Mrs. Aument's drawings and letters had been held in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong and in churches and state capitols in this country. Her purpose was to draw attention of the world to the POWs/MIAs, to show them as persons instead of statistics and not let them be forgotten.

Another Indiana man, Captain David Padgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Padgett, Washington, is also featured in the book. He has been missing in action since Feb. 6, 1969.

Both Padgett and Beecher were serving with the U.S. Army as helicopter pilots when reported missing.

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Local Army Officer Learns About Life Among Razorbacks

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A local man, Lt. Col. James M. Bishop, 3813 Poplar St., formerly of Princeton, is battalion commander of the 336th Ordnance Battalion, now serving in Da Nang, South Vietnam.

Although he is from Indiana, he serves with the battalion composed of 60 per cent of Reservists from the Little Rock, Ark., area. The remaining 40 per cent of the battalion are regular Army personnel from widely-scattered points, bringing the group to full Vietnam-duty strength.

Soldiers from the other states have caught the spirit of the Arkansas men, and have worked well into the closely-knit organization. The Arkansas Reservists have gone "whole hog" with their state nickname — the "Razorbacks."

Colonel Bishop has encouraged the men in displaying their state loyalty. A regular Army officer and career Army man, the colonel was named commander of the 336th while the unit was undergoing pre-Vietnam training at Fort Carson, Colo., last summer.

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Three ordnance companies—the 571st at Quang Tri, the 40th at Da Nang and the 295th at Chi Lai — are under the battalion's control. These companies are charged with keeping the ammunition supply points (ASPs) at Duc Phi, Landing Zone Baldy and Quang Tri supplied.

Besides supplying the ASPs, the battalion also maintains a technical assistance team to make recommendations to each ASP on the proper storage and handling of ammunition and how to handle supply and administrative situations as well as offer safety tips.

Colonel Bishop's wife, Delphia, chose to live in Terre Haute during his absence because the couple's eldest son,



LOCAL MAN IN VIETNAM — Lt. Col. James M. Bishop, 3813 Poplar St., formerly of Princeton, left, commanding officer of the 336th Ordnance Battalion, is greeted by Col. Thomas A. Mort, Springfield, Va., deputy commander of Da Nang Support Command, in Da Nang, South Vietnam. The Reserve unit, whose men come mostly from the Little Rock, Ark., area, has taken over operation of all Army ammunition supply points in the I Corps tactical zone. (U.S. Army Photo)

Washington, D. C., in 1961, all this time serving in the Army.

The Bishop family returned from Thailand in 1966, after living there for two years while the colonel was on a tour of duty there. Colonel Bishop then served in Washington, D. C., with the Combat Development Command for a year, before going to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the Command and General Staff College. He left for Vietnam in September of 1968.

In June, when he is due to have a rest and recuperation period for a week in Hawaii, his family plans to join him there.

Colonel Bishop is the son of Mrs. Edna Bishop, Princeton.

James, is a junior at Rose Polytechnic Institute. Another son, Mike, is a junior at Wiley High School, and a third son, Mark, is in the first grade at Thornton.

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To help get the war off of her mind, Mrs. Bishop has taken a part-time job at Montgomery Ward and Company.

Colonel Bishop has served his country for almost 20 years. He spent two years in the United States Navy before entering Purdue University, West Lafayette, from where he was graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1951. He also received his master's degree from George Washington University.

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BISHOP, JAMES M.

BOLAND, THOMAS
BOLAND, WILLIAM J.

Two Sons are Awarded Medals for War Service



SGT. WILLIAM J. BOLAND

A 1C THOMAS BOLAND

Two sons of Mrs. Jean Boland, 2203 Franklin, have recently been cited for distinguished service in Southeast Asia.

Marine Staff Sergeant William J. Boland was awarded a gold star in lieu of a second Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated aerial gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 during combat support missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the insurgent guerrilla forces (Viet Cong)."

Boland recently completed his tour in South Vietnam and has been reassigned to the Naval Station at Norfolk, Va. He is a 1959 graduate of Schulte High School and is married to the

former Nancy Graham. The couple has three children.

A 1c Thomas L. Boland was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in ceremonies at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, on February 26. Boland received the medal for "distinguishing himself by meritorious service as a command post controller while assigned to the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand."

The 22-year-old Airman is a 1963 Schulte graduate. He also attended Indiana State University and prior to his enlistment was employed by General Telephone Company.

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Local Marine Is Cited for Heroic Action

A 20-year-old Terre Haute Marine, Lance Corporal Joseph R. Bryan, son of Mrs. Opal Bryan, 415 S. 8th St., has been cited for heroic service in Viet Nam.

Gunnery Sergeant Frank J. Sikora, a local Marine recruiter, informed THE TRIBUNE today that "Bryan did pretty well for himself, displaying plenty of courage in Viet Nam." Bryan played a big part in turning back a Viet Cong attack recently.

Bryan, who attended Wiley High School, received the following commendation from Brigadier General Keith B. McCutcheon, "While serving as a member of the Crash Crew, Marine Aircraft Group 12, during and after the Viet Cong attack on Chu Lai Airfield, your actions were worthy of special commendation. You reacted instantly to the enemy attack and successfully took them under fire. Your aggressive defense resulted in turning back and driving off half of the attacking force before they could reach their intended targets on the flight line. Despite the low-order detonation of two 250-pound bombs, and in the face of extreme danger from exploding ordnance and fuel tanks, you closed on the fires and swiftly extinguished them.

"You did exactly what Marines are trained to do, and you did it very well. Your quick thinking and bravery during and after the Viet Cong attack played a critical part in minimizing the damage that the enemy was able to inflict and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Bryan's address is Lance Corporal Joseph R. Bryan, Marine Air Base, Squadron 12, Crash Crew, San Francisco, Calif.

His mother received a letter from the Marines commending her son for his courageous action.

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BUCHANAN, HUBERT A.

TO TERRE HAUTE TRIBUNE.

TH Priest's Brother Held By North Viet

Among a list of names of confirmed prisoners of war received from Hanoi by an anti-war group is that of the brother of a Terre Haute priest.

The Rev. Donald Buchanan, assistant pastor at St. Ann's Catholic Church, said his family at Austin, Ind., was notified by the Committee of Liaison at New York his brother, Air Force Capt. Hubert A. Buchanan, 29, had been confirmed by the North Vietnamese government as a prisoner of war.

The Buchanans were notified in January 1967 by the Department of Defense their son was taken prisoner after his F4C jet fighter plane was shot down over North Vietnam in the Fall of 1966. They said it has been two years since they have heard

from him.

Father Buchanan, himself a former Air Force pilot, has been assigned to St. Ann's since the summer of 1967.

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T.H. Star 3/11/72
**LOCAL SOLDIER
 AWARDED BRONZE
 STAR IN VIETNAM**



SGT. ROBERT L. CARROLL

A Terre Haute soldier, Sgt. Robert L. Carroll, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, by direction of the President, for distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of April, 1966, to January, 1967. Presentation was made in Saigon.

The citation reads: "Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he consistently obtained outstanding results. The energetic application of his extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the efforts of the United States Mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the communist threat to its freedom. His initiative, zeal, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

Sgt. Carroll attended Gerstmeier High School and entered the Army Feb. 3, 1959, completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

His wife, Mrs. Rita S. Carroll, and three children, Theresa Ann, Robert Lee Jr., and Chester Eugene, presently reside at 1643 7th Ave.

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CHANNEY, MICHAEL



SPEC. 4 MICHAEL CHANEY

Services Set Thursday For Michael Chaney

Services for Spec. 4 Michael Wayne Chaney, 2052 N. 7th St., who died Nov. 11 of an apparent heart attack while serving with the U.S. Army in South Vietnam, will be at Callahan Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, followed by a Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. The Rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday where friends may call after noon Wednesday.

A special military detachment from Ft. Benjamin Harrison will provide the honor guard and conduct military graveside services.

He was a 1966 graduate of Garfield High School, and worked at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. after his graduation until he entered military service. He entered the Army in February of this year, and had been in Vietnam since July serving with Headquarters Company of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chaney, Terre Haute; two brothers, John R. Jr., Clarksville, Tenn., and Patrick, at home; a sister, Debra, at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Chaney, Terre Haute, and several aunts and uncles.

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CHANEY, MICHAEL W.

**PARENTS ACCEPT
BRONZE STAR
POSTHUMOUSLY**

A Bronze Star was presented posthumously to Sp-4 Michael W. Chaney, during ceremonies at Rose Polytechnic Institute Sunday.

Accepting the award were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chaney, 2052 N. 7th St.

Chaney died Nov. 11, 1968,

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while serving on guard duty near Dong Tam, South Vietnam. He was a 1966 graduate of Garfield High School and had been in Vietnam since July, 1968.

The posthumous award was given for meritorious service while serving with the 9th Infantry Division. He had previously received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense

Service, the Vietnamese Service Medal and the Vietnamese Campaign Ribbon.

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CHANEY, MICHAEL WAYNE

**TH YOUTH DIES
OF HEART ATTACK
AT VIETNAM POST**

Spec. 4 Michael Wayne Chaney, 20, 2052 N. 7th St., died from an apparent heart attack Monday while serving in Vietnam.

Chaney, a 1966 graduate of Garfield High School, suffered the attack while serving with Headquarters Company of the Ninth Infantry Division in South Vietnam. He had entered the military service in February, 1968, and started a tour of duty in Vietnam last July. A member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, he was employed by the Coca Cola Bottling Co. prior to entering the service.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chaney, Terre Haute; two brothers, John R. Jr., Clarksville, Tenn., and Patrick, at home; a sister, Debra, at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Chaney, Terre Haute, and several aunts and uncles.

The body will be returned to the Callahan Funeral Home, where arrangements are pending.

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CLARK, ROBERT NELSON JR.

Rose Poly Grad Dies
In Vietnam Fighting

2nd Lt. Robert Nelson Clark Jr., a 1965 graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bond, 1500 S. 20th St., has been reported killed in action near Quant Tri, Republic of Vietnam.

Lieutenant Clark, 24, received his degree in chemical engineering at Rose Poly. He joined the Marines in 1966 and was shipped to Vietnam in October of last year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, Indianapolis.

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CLAUSMAN, JOHN

TH Man Wins

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Bronze Star

TERRE HAUTE, STAR



SGT. JOHN CLAUSMAN

Sgt. John H. Clausman, 24, son of Mrs. Louise Clausman, 2925 Fenwood Ave., has received the Bronze Star Medal with a "V" Device for "valorous actions" last December in Vietnam.

The 24-year-old Army sergeant was serving as a team chief with Company E, 9th Signal Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, and providing tactical communications for an infantry unit.

When the base location came injured during the action for under enemy fire, according to which he was cited for bravery. the citation, "Sgt. Clausman He is a graduate of Gerstmey-courageously ran through their High School where he was a fusillade to get medical aid formember of the track team and three wounded comrades andset records for the mile run. then further exposed himself to He attended Indiana State the incoming rounds to fix aUniversity for two years. He coaxial cable, restoring a vitalentered the Army August 15, communications link."

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Lt. Lynn Coy *T.H. Trib 2/6/67* Awarded High Army Medal



LT. LYNN R. COY

First Lieutenant Lynn R. Coy recently was awarded the Army Commendation Medal at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. The medal was presented to the lieutenant by Major General Thomas H. Wood, during ceremonies honoring several Vietnam returnees. Lt. Coy received the medal for his outstanding and meritorious service while serving in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of Oct. 1965 to Sept. 1966.

Lt. Coy was a platoon leader with the 444th Transportation Company and was recognized for his diligence, perservance and outstanding leadership while involved in the United States counter-insurgency effort in Vietnam.

Coy lead his platoon some 40,000 miles over treacherous

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Coy, Lynn R.

CRAWFORD, BILL E.

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RECEIVES HIGH
ARMY AWARD

Staff Sgt. Bill E. Crawford, U. S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richards, RR 4, West Terre Haute, was recently presented with the Army Commendation Medal for distinguished and meritorious service while serving in France.

A veteran of 17 years, Crawford has now been assigned to Viet Nam from Camp Campbell, Ky. He has served both in World War II and the Korea Conflict.

Crawford was chief of the production control branch, consolidated maintenance division of the Army general depot complex, Nancy, France, from October, 1962 to July, 1965. Under his direction the production control branch exceeded all previous production highs.

Additionally, Crawford served as team chief of the command maintenance management inspection team in performing recurrent inspections and acting as coordinator in the establishment of a continuous training program dealing with the Army Equipment Records System.

Prior to the recent commendation, he received a merit rating for economy in repair of equipment for saving the Army nearly \$150,000.

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DISHON, CHARLES F. JR.

T. H. NAVY MAN 301/68
WOUNDED; AWARDED
PURPLE HEART

A Terre Haute youth has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in a battle between the United States Mobile Riverine Force and Viet Cong guerrillas in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam.

Engineman 3/c Charles F. Dishon Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dishon, 2144 Arleth, Terre Haute, was hit by enemy fire in the back, arm and abdomen Feb. 6. He was



CHARLES F. DISHON JR.

aboard an armored troop carrier, transporting Army forces into battle when hit.

Dishon is the oldest of five children. He has been in service for three years and is to be discharged in August. He attended Wiley High School before enlisting in the Navy in 1965.

The Purple Heart was awarded to him by Capt. Robert S. Salzer, commander of River Assault Flotilla One, during a lull in the forces' operations.

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Terre Hautean Is Winner of Bronze Star

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Marine First Lieutenant Jack A. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Davis, RR 7, Terre Haute, received the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" during final review ceremonies for the 128 Series at Parris Island, South Carolina, recently.

Major General Oscar F. Peatross, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, presented the award.

Lt. Davis was assigned to Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam when, as reported by the Marines, at 2 p.m. on Feb. 5, 1969, during a search and destroy operation in an area approximately 17 miles southeast of Vandegrift Combat Base, Company "G" came under fire from a large, well-entrenched North Vietnamese Army force and sustained numerous casualties.

According to Marine reports during the ensuing two and one-half hour fire fight, Lt. Davis "courageously led his men in aggressive assaults against the enemy and repeatedly disregarded his own safety to aid and encourage his wounded companions. When enemy resistance crumbled in the face of fierce Marine attacks and the hostile soldiers were driven from their positions, he began directing his men in the care and evacuation of casualties."

Lt. and Mrs. Davis, the former Palma M. Winn, Rosedale, are currently residing in Parris Island where he is serving as a Series Commander with the First Recruit Training Battalion.

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DAVIS, JACK A.

Local Reservist Wins Citation For Navy Action

Engineer third class Charles F. Dishon, Jr., 2144 Arleth St., received the Bronze Star Monday night in ceremonies at the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center for heroic action while serving as part of River Assault Squadron 11 in Vinh Long Province, Republic of Vietnam.

The 21-year-old, newly-affiliated naval reservist was nominated to President Johnson for the award as the result of his personal action Feb. 6, 1968. Petty Officer Dishon's boat was attacked while providing gun fire support to Army troops pinned down by enemy fire.

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The boat was attacked with "intense small arms, automatic weapons and recoilless rifle fire," according to the citation read by Lt. Richard E. Morse, commanding officer of the local training center.

The boat was hit repeatedly and Dishon suffered multiple wounds. Despite his wounds, he continued to man his battle station and when the boat captain could not communicate with the other gunners to prevent them from firing on friendly forces, Dishon moved from gun to gun to pass the word to cease fire.

According to the citation signed by Adm. John J. Hyland, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet for President Johnson, "Petty Officer Dishon's outstanding professionalism, sense of responsibility and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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In addition to the Bronze Star, Dishon received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Vietnam combat. This presentation was made by Major Leland Carlison before the assembled men of Surface Squadron 9-311 M. Dishon's family and friends.

Dishon was released from active duty June 7 of this year and affiliated with the local unit upon returning to Terre Haute.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Dishon Sr., and is employed by J. I. Case.

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DISHON, CHARLES F.

DOUGHERTY, JOHN C.

Lt. Dougherty Killed in Action

First Lt. John C. Dougherty, 25, has been reported killed in action while serving with the First Cavalry Division in South Vietnam.

He was the son of Lt. Col. John H. Dougherty, 332 S. 20th St., Terre Haute, former professor of military science in the ROTC department at Rose Polytechnic Institute. Col. Dougherty is presently assistant business manager at the institute.

According to information received from military officials, Lt. Dougherty was killed in action on May 9. Last reports received by members of his family indicated he was with the Cavalry group supporting Marine forces near the Laotian border. He had arrived in Vietnam April 7 and had been in service for 13 months.

Lt. Dougherty was a graduate of Texas A&M in 1966. His wife, Linda, makes her home in

Houston, Texas. Other survivors include two brothers, Robert L., a freshman at Indiana University and Carl, Terre Haute, and a sister, Joanne, Terre Haute.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Burial will be in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas.

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Former West Terre Haute Resident Dies In War Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department has reported five more combat deaths of Indiana servicemen in Vietnam, bringing to 266 the number of Hoosiers killed in the fighting.

Although not mentioned as a Vigo County resident in a list of Vietnam casualties, Paul Richard Eddington, USMC, has local connections.

The son of former West Terre Haute residents, the 22-year-old Marine has a sister, Mrs. Jessie Walker, who still lives in that area. His parents now reside in Casey, Ill., and his widow makes her home in Dallas, Tex. He was killed in action Friday.

Also killed by small arms fire with an armored tank division in Vietnam Sunday was John Carmack. He is the son of former Casey, Ill., residents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carmack, now residing in Monroe, La. The senior Carmack is originally from Dana and Mrs. Carmack is the former Fairy Lane Frazier of Marshall, Ill. Carmack has completed one tour of duty and re-enlisted last August.

Listed as killed in action were Army Pfc. Dennis L. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Sullivan of Gary, and Army Pfc. Gary L. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stevens of East Gary.

Indiana Marines who were

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Pfc. Carman K. Hicks, son of Mrs. Vivian M. Carmack of Anderson; Pfc. Russell P. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller, Jr. of South Bend, and Pvt. Larry F. Jankowski, son of Mrs. Wilma B. Harris of South Bend.

bunker collapsed on him. He had been in Vietnam only one week.

Evans was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Evans of Martinsville and the husband of Mrs. Patty Evans.

Relatives were notified Monday of the non-hostile death of Marine Lance Cpl. Russell Evans, 21, of Martinsville, who died Saturday when a sandbag

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ELLINGER, ARCHIE E.

Local Soldier Coming Home With Honors

Army S-Sgt. Archie E. Ellinger Jr. should be winging his way home from Viet Nam today, wearing new stripes, an Army Commendation Medal and the scars of a veteran of two years in Viet Nam.

Ellinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Ellinger, Sr., of 1124 N. 10th St., Terre Haute.

He had one more day to go to complete a two-year tour of duty in Viet Nam when his father learned of his son's promotion from Spec. 5 to S-Sgt and the awarding of the Army Commendation Medal for "outstanding meritorious service . . . in Viet Nam during the period July 1965, to June, 1966.

The citation from the Secretary of the Army continued: "Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situation inherent in a counterinsurgency operation.

"His initiative, zeal, sound judgement and devotion to duty have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit

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Lt. P. R. Foltz Funeral Set

For Monday

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LT. PAUL RAYMOND
FOLTZ

Funeral services for U.S. Navy Lt. Paul Raymond Foltz, Terre Haute, who was killed Oct. 12 in action in Vietnam, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Bedino Peace Chapel with the Rev. Archie Showen officiating.

Full military graveside rites will follow at 1 p.m. Monday at Lebanon Cemetery, Midland, Ind. Friends may call after noon Sunday at the funeral home.

Foltz, 28, was killed while transiting the Trem Trem River in the Xuyen Providence of South Vietnam, when his salvage craft came under enemy rocket attack.

He attended Sandison School, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, and Wiley High School. A 1966 graduate of Indiana State University, he received his B.S. and M.S. Degrees in Life Sciences.

Lt. Foltz, who was commissioned in the Navy in 1968 following Officer Candidate School, was a diving officer, a qualified second class diver and salvage diver.

From his three tours of duty in Vietnam, his medals included the Diver Officer Breast Insignia, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Prior to entering the Navy, Foltz was active in the youth group of the First Baptist Church where he was a member. He also was a member of the Officer's Christian Union and worked with the Christian Services Men's Clubs.

An active Scouter, he earned the Eagle Scout and was a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. He also served as Scout Master at the Glen Home and of Troop 109 of the First Baptist Church.

Foltz is survived by his mother, Mrs. Wygonda R. Foltz; a twin brother, Philip R., and a younger brother, John A., all of Terre Haute, and a grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Dunlap, Tampa, Fla.

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EX-VIGO YOUTH
DIES FIGHTING ^{4/1/67}
IN VIETNAM WAR



ROGER FORTUNE

Mrs. Luther Selvia, RR 1, West Terre Haute, has received word of the death of her nephew, Spec 4 Roger Fortune, who was killed in action May 26, in Vietnam.

Fortune was serving as gunner on a helicopter rescue crew when the craft was hit by enemy ground fire while searching for a downed pilot.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fortune, Santa Ana, Calif., Fortune was a Vigo County native and attended Consolidated Elementary School before his parents moved to California.

He was graduated from Gold Valley High School and attended UCLA prior to entering the armed services Dec. 28, 1965. He arrived in Vietnam Jan. 2, 1967.

Also surviving are a sister, Cindy, at home; a brother, Dale, at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Lila Fortune, RR 1, West Terre Haute; a grandfather, John Stranahan, Terre Haute, and a great-grandfather, Fred Stranahan, Terre Haute.

Services and burial will be at Santa Ana. The parents' address is 2318 S. Artesia St.

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FORTUNE, ROBERT

FULPER, JAMES C.

Heroic Doctor T.H. Trib. 1/4/68. Gets War Award

A Terre Haute doctor who jumped from a hovering helicopter to provide medical aid to wounded men under enemy fire in Vietnam has been awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device attached.

Capt. James C. Fulper, MD, son of Mrs. Charles Fulper, 1106 S. Brown Ave., was honored for his heroism during a battle Aug. 12 between the 8th Infantry Division and enemy forces northwest of Duc Co.

Responding to a call for extra medical assistance, Capt. Fulper jumped with his medical equipment nearly 14 feet to the ground from a hovering helicopter which was prevented from landing near the wounded men. The pilot reportedly was unable to land because of large stumps and rocks in the landing zone and hostile fire.

He quickly cared for the 15 wounded men, preparing them for evacuation, disregarding heavy enemy ground fire. An official government report sent to his mother said the captain "worked exhaustedly, skillfully and utilized all his resources in an effort to save the lives of the wounded, undaunted by flying shrapnel and enemy rounds to which he was constantly exposed. He continued his self-assigned task until all casualties received medical attention and were evacuated."

"Capt. Fulper's personal gallantry, professionalism and devotion to duty are in keeping with highest traditions of the

military service and reflect great credit to himself, his unit and the U. S. Army."

Capt. Fulper is medical platoon leader attached to Co. B, Third Battalion, of the 8th Infantry. He has been in Vietnam since July and in the Army for nearly two years.

Prior to entering the service, he had established a medical practice at 3675 N. Post Road, Indianapolis.

He is a graduate of State Laboratory School and Indiana State University. He received his MD Degree from Indiana University School of Medicine.

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**T. H. MAN GETS
HEROISM MEDAL**

T.H. Man 7/12/68
A Terre Haute man has received a U. S. Army commendation medal for heroism during January siege of a Army base in Vietnam.

Spec. 4th class Fred Funk, 24, of 219 N. 11th St., was commended for helping rescue wounded Viet Cong prisoners while under fire.

Funk was wounded during the siege at Kumtan, Vietnam, and was awarded the purple heart. He entered the service in July, 1967, and is a graduate of State High School.

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GARRARD, RANDAL L.

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U. S. ARMY, Vietnam—Army
Private First Class Randal L.
Garrard, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Elden Garrard, Palestine, Ill.,
has been assigned to the 25th
Infantry Division in Vietnam.

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War Moves Into High Gear as Local Navy Pilot Scores Hit on N. Vietnam Convoy

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Editor's Note — Lt. Don Gerrish, U. S. Navy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Don A. Gerrish, 5206 Clinton Road, was one of the pilots who used 2.75-inch rockets to destroy five two-ton trucks Monday 30 miles north of Vinh in North Vietnam, Saigon AP correspondents reported Wednesday.

Gerrish, a 30-year-old Navy career man, explained the spur-of-the-moment mission, "About 10 miles inland, we spotted the small convoy and rolled in before they could get off the road."

Gerrish has been in Vietnam since November, 1966. His wife, Ann, and their 18-month-old daughter, Deborah Ann, live on the Naval Air Force Base in Le-moore, Calif. This is his ninth year in the Navy.

By GEORGE MCARTHUR

SAIGON (AP) — Communist gunners firing from a maximum range of seven miles unloaded 15 big rockets on the giant U.S. air base at Da Nang

today and had to flee under a hail of return fire less than two minutes later.

Stung by a similar rocket attack on the base two and a half weeks ago, the Marines were alert for this one. Radar-directed gunfire was being laid on the Red launching positions within 120 seconds of the first explosion inside the base, U.S. spokesmen reported.

Helicopter gunships pounced on the Red positions. Flare ships unloaded 135 parachute flares. Two of the twin-engine C47s called "Puff the Magic Dragon" because of their special Gatling guns sprayed the Red positions with a 55,700 rounds of minigun ammunition.

The Communists' 140mm Soviet rockets, the biggest in their arsenal, damaged three U.S. planes and injured 16 American soldiers.

A U.S. spokesman announcing the casualties admitted somewhat sheepishly that technically none were wounded.

"There was a sort of mad dash for the bunkers up there,"

he said. "The casualties were all sprained backs, scraped knees and things like that. That is why we used the word injured."

The three planes will be repaired, the spokesman said.

In the last rocket attack on Da Nang Feb. 27, the first in which the Communists used the 140mm weapons, the Reds fired 52 rounds into the base and an adjacent civilian village, killed 12 Americans and 32 South Vietnamese and wounded 35 Americans and 70 Vietnamese.

Other significant items listed in the daily military communiqué included a ground sweep in the Kontum area by U.S. 4th Infantry Division soldiers in which 17 Americans were killed and 26 were wounded Tuesday, and the salvage of a Communist arms-running trawler that has already disgorged 700 Chinese carbines and a small arsenal of other arms and ammunition.

U.S. pilots hit North Vietnam with 116 missions Tuesday and four destroyers pounded the North Vietnamese coast. One

destroyer was fired upon but silenced the Communist shore battery without damage to itself.

Ground troops were sent out at daybreak to pursue the Communist rocketeers, and a U.S. Marine officer reported a ragged column was seen fleeing toward a mountain area southwest of Da Nang. Strafing planes reportedly had the Red soldiers under fire.

The attack was launched from an isolated spot on the Yen River southwest of Da Nang. When ground forces reached the spot, they found 23 rocket launchers and 11 of the 90-pound rockets which the Communists had not had time to fire.

Flurry of Skirmishes

Ground activity, although relatively light, centers in the vital central highlands where there has been a flurry of bitter skirmishes in recent days.

The 2nd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division was reported pressing the search for about 200 North Vietnamese soldiers

who faded into the jungle after the battle Tuesday.

In that fight, the U.S. force had 17 killed and 26 wounded but a sweep of the battlefield turned up 29 North Vietnamese bodies.

Reporting on the salvage operation of the Communist trawler on the sandy beaches of Quang Ngai Province, the spokesman said the take now includes 700 carbines, 7,000 rounds of ammunition, 50 machine guns, a large number of mortar rounds and much more.

Although the ship evidently was slipping down the coast from North Vietnam, only 100 miles away, the spokesman refused to speculate about where it came from. U.S. warships drove the 100-foot boat aground, and its crew blew it up.

Clearing skies over North Vietnam enabled U.S. pilots to rake supply and military targets up and down the country.

A pilot from the carrier Ti-

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War Machine In High Gear

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condemned reported damaging a Red torpedo boat—a rarely seen target—in a tidal waterway 40 miles east of Haiphong.

The number of missions—116—was the second highest in four months and another indication that with the breaking of the monsoon weather, the United States intends to step up the air war.

Defections Mount

The number of soldiers and political officers defecting from the Communist ranks is continuing to mount, a U.S. mission officer reported. He said that 1,198 defected last week, a record, and that the over-all rate was running at about twice last year's figures. This year 7,555 have defected. At the same time last year the figure was 4,276.

In Saigon, a spokesman for Premier Nguyen Cao Ky announced that Ky would attend President Johnson's conference in Guam next Monday and Tuesday with Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, and U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

The Guam meeting was originally planned as an all-American conference. There was no immediate indication why Johnson decided to invite Ky.

Also in Saigon, terrorists set off a section of bamboo filled

with explosive across the street
from a South Korean troop bil-
let, killed two Vietnamese and
wounded at least eight Vietnam-
ese and two Korean soldiers.
The explosion during the eve-
ning rush dug a hole two feet
across and a foot deep in the
sidewalk.

GISH, JAMES E.

**LOCAL GI DIES
OF INJURIES IN
SOUTH VIETNAM**

Pfc. James E. Gish, 20, 933 W. Prospect, serving with the U.S. Army in South Vietnam, was fatally injured Wednesday while test firing a recoilless rifle.

Gish, attached to Company B, Seventh Cavalry, was struck by a backfire blast from the 106 mm weapon. He attended Wiley High School and had been in Vietnam about six months.

Surviving are the widow, Phyllis, and the mother, Mrs. Margaret Gish, both of Terre Haute.

The body will be brought to the Cross Funeral Home, where arrangements are pending.

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Funeral Set For Serviceman



PFC. JAMES GISH

T.H. Star 11/16/67
Services have been set for Pfc. James E. Gish, 20, 933 W. Prospect Ave., who was fatally injured Oct. 25, while serving with the U.S. Army in South Vietnam.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Cross Funeral Home, with the Rev. Virgil Romans and the Rev. James Rowe officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery with full military graveside rites.

The body will arrive in Terre Haute Wednesday and friends may call after 2 p.m. Thursday at the Cross Chapel.

Gish, who attended Wiley High School, was killed when he was struck by the backfire from a 106 mm weapon.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Phyllis Long Gish, Terre Haute; the mother, Mrs. Margaret Gish, Terre Haute, and three brothers, Hugh, Belleville, Ill., and Carl and Wayne, both of Evansville.

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GOODERL, ROBERT L.

TERRE HAUTE TRIBUNE.

Tuesday, April 15, '69 9

LOCAL COUPLE'S SON DECORATED

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert L. Gooderl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gooderl of 202 Dreiser Square, and brother of Mrs. Louis Seprodi of 1901 S. 18th St., has been presented the Legion of Merit citation by the U. S. Army.

Gooderl, 36, was decorated at Fort Bliss, Tex., for meritorious

service while executive officer and battalion supervisor of the 3rd Battalion, 128th Artillery Division of the Missouri Army National Guard.

The period of service was from 1962 to 1968. Gooderl organized the battalion, an on-site combat element of the North American Air Defense Command. He is now serving as National Guard liason officer at Fort Bliss.

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Terre Haute Soldier Given Bronze Star for Heroism

T.H. Trib-State 7/14/68

A Terre Haute youth has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in Vietnam by order of President Johnson.

Pfc. Phillip B. Gordon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Gordon of 1228 S. 13 1/4 St., a 1965 Wiley High School graduate, is expected home with his new decoration Aug. 15 after serving for a year in that war-torn Southeast Asian country.

Gordon had been in Vietnam just over two months when the platoon in which he was serving came under enemy attack Oct. 22, 1967. Gordon's unit was assisting two other platoons which were engaged by a superior enemy force near Quan Tan Ky.

Firing from well-camouflaged positions, the Viet Cong wounded several men in the unit with the first burst of small arms and automatic weapons fire.

Disregarding the enemy fire, Gordon repeatedly re-entered the battle area to drag wounded men to safety, even though grenades were exploding close to him on several occasions.

Due to his unselfish actions, nine men were saved that day.

According to the citation, "Private First Class" Gordon's exceptional courage, professional skill and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the



PFC: PHILLIP B. GORDON

highest traditions of the military. Gordon was serving as a radio service and reflect great medical aide with the 35th credit upon himself, his unit Infantry of the 4th Infantry and the United States Army Division.

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GORDON, PHILLIP B.

GRAFE, PAUL A.

Lt. Paul Grate
I.H. Trib. 4/2/68
Will Receive X
Bronze Star

A Bronze Star Medal will be awarded to 1st Lt. Paul A. Grafe, a 1965 Rose graduate, at a review in his honor Wednesday, April 3, on the Rose Polytechnic Institute drill field.

The award will be made by Lt. Col. John Dougherty, professor of military science at Rose when Grafe was a student and now assistant business manager at Rose.

Grafe has been awarded the medal for meritorious service in connection with military services against a hostile force from October 1966 through May 1967 in Vietnam.

The 600 R.O.T.C. students in the Rose Engineer Brigade will also have their annual general inspection April 3 by Col. John R. McLean, professor of military science at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and his inspection team.

Cadet brigade commander of the Rose unit is Kenneth Rogers, a senior Electrical Engineering student from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The public is invited to attend the colorful presentation and review scheduled from 3:30 until 4 p.m.

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GRAFE, PAUL A.

TERRE HAUTE TRIBUNE.

Thursday, April 4, '68.



BRONZE STAR MEDAL WINNER 1st Lt. Paul A. Grafe, center, is congratulated by Lt. Col. John Dougherty, left, after receiving the Bronze Star in ceremonies at Rose Polytechnic Institute. Grafe, a 1965 Rose graduate, received the medal for meritorious service while serving in Vietnam. Rose ROTC students participated in the ceremony also. Martin Photo.

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Terre Haute Captain Back After Serving in Thailand

By PAT BARNES

Tribune Staff Writer

A 27-year-old U. S. Army officer has returned to Terre Haute after serving one year in Thailand.

Capt. Jerry Gregg, 1125 S. 25th St., was welcomed home this week by his wife, two children and several relatives.

The five-year career officer spent his year in Thailand as a staff sanitary engineer with a preventive medical unit.

Capt. Gregg was graduated from Garfield High School in 1958, and from Rose Polytechnic Institute in 1962.

Following graduation from college Capt. Gregg spent six months with private enterprise before entering the Army.

Capt. Gregg is one of 103 sanitary engineers in the entire U. S. Army. During his tour of duty in Thailand he was a consultant

and inspector in field experimental sanitation for all Army units in the country.

Water Treatment

Capt. Gregg said this his primary duties were involved in water treatment and waste disposal of the 15,000 Army troops stationed in Thailand.

Upon returning to the United States Capt. Gregg said he experienced difficulty adjusting to the local weather conditions.

"In Thailand the weather is extremely hot and humid the year round. The cool weather

in Terre Haute is hard to adjust to," Gregg said.

Capt. Gregg said that he enjoyed his tour of duty in Thailand very much with the exception of being separated from his family.

"Thailand is the most industrialized country in southeast Asia. They even have compulsory schooling," he said.

When asked about the standards of living in Thailand, Capt. Gregg said they are extremely low.

25 Cents An Hour

"The average laborer in Thailand earns about 10 cents an hour. They work on the average of 10 hours per day, seven days a week. For the most part, everyone farms rice," the captain said.

"People in supervisory posi-

tions only earn on the average of 25 cents per hour. There are two classes of people in Thailand, the rich and the poor," Capt. Gregg said.

Capt. Gregg said that before Christmas he will be sent to Washington University at St. Louis to complete his Master's Degree. In January he will be assigned to Ft. S. m Houston, Tex., to attend the Army career course which will enable him to be promoted to the rank of major.

Capt. Gregg during his five years of service in the Army has earned the Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal and two Vietnam Service Medals for supporting units which have been involved in fighting in the war-torn country.

Gregg and his wife, Sharon, also a native of Terre Haute, have two children, a daughter, Dawn, age three, and one son, Darin, one year old.

The 14,000-mile trip home from Thailand, Capt. Gregg said, took him more than 72 hours, 50 hours of which was flying time.

Capt. Gregg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregg, reside at 1401 Dahlen Ave. His wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price, reside at 2904 Fenwood Ave.

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Guy, CLYDE R. JR.

WTH Soldier Wins

Commendation Medal

T.H. Star 9/11/68
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Guy Sr., 326 W. Johnson Ave., West Terre Haute, have received word their son, Sgt. Clyde R. Guy Jr., has received the Army Commendation Medal in Vietnam for heroism in action while engaged in "ground operations against a hostile force."

According to Lt. Col. John B. Tower, Sergeant Guy, a rifleman with Company C of the 60th Infantry, risked his life to save a wounded comrade.

Under fire, he reached the wounded man's position, administered first aid and then pulled him through heavy rocket and automatic weapons fire to the safety of an evacuation point.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1965 graduate of West Vigo High School. His other military awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Medal and two Purple Hearts.

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Guy, Clyde R. Jr.

Clyde Guy Gets Army Citation

T.H. Trib. 11/12/68

A West Terre Haute sergeant has received the Army Commendation medal in Vietnam.

Sgt. Clyde R. Guy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Guy Sr., 326 W. Johnson Ave., West Terre Haute, received the award for heroism in action while engaged in "ground operations against a hostile force."

According to Lt. Col. John B. Tower, acting chief of staff, Guy, a rifleman with Company C of the 60th Infantry, risked his life to save a wounded comrade.

Under fire, Guy reached the wounded man's position, administered first aid and then pulled him through heavy rocket and automatic weapons fire to safety and evacuation.

A squad leader in Company C, Guy entered the Army in July, 1967. He completed basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and was last stationed at Ft. McClellan before going to Vietnam.

The 21-year-old soldier was graduated in 1965 from West Vigo High School, and holds the Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Medal and two Purple Hearts.

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HARB RUEGER, HAROLD W

ROSE, JOSEPH E.

SCHOFFSTALL, STEVE A.

About You, You and You

Navy Seaman Apprentice Richard W. Harbrueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Harbrueger RR 52, has departed his homeport of San Diego aboard the destroyer tender USS Dixie for a deployment to the Western Pacific.

Spectator Feb 27, 1971

Army Sergeant Joseph M. Rose, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rose, 1415 North Twenty-sixth, recently received the bronze star medal near Chu Lai, Vietnam. He was presented the bronze star medal for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. The medal, adopted in 1944, recognizes outstanding achievement. Sgt. Rose received the award while assigned as a mechanic in headquarters company, 1st battalion, 46th infantry, 196th infantry brigade, Americal division in Vietnam. A 1966 graduate of Gerstmeyer high school, he entered the army in Dec. 1968, completed basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and was last stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. His wife, Donna, lives in Collegedale, Tenn.

Army Specialist Four Steve A. Schoffstall, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer A. Schoffstall, 2601 N. 13th, recently received the army commendation medal while serving with the 3rd ordnance battalion in Vietnam. The medal was award for meritorious service. Such service can be over an extended period of time or for outstanding achievement in a single situation. In either case, the recipient must have demonstrated skills and dedication far above the average. Spec. Schoffstall received the award while assigned as a security guard in the battalion's 148th security company. He entered the army in Sept., 1969 and completed basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He holds the air medal. His wife, Jena, lives at 1220 North Twenty-sixth.

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HATCHER, DANNY

T. H. Soldier Is Wounded In Vietnam

TERRE HAUTE TRIB: 2/28/69



SPC./4 DANNY HATCHER

Specialist 4th Class Danny Hatcher, 25, Terre Haute, has been injured seriously in Vietnam, his wife, Mrs. Nikki Hatcher, 808 Voorhees St., told The TRIBUNE Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hatcher said she received a telegram from the Department of Defense saying her husband stepped on a 40-pound land mine near ChuChi on Feb. 20.

Hatcher, a graduate of Garfield High School, is being cared for in the 249th General Hospital at Camp Drake, Japan. He suffered serious injuries to his legs and left arm.

The Hatchers were married last Nov. 1 while Hatcher was home on leave before he went to Vietnam Nov. 24. He was drafted into the U. S. Army on June 18, 1967.

Hatcher is attached to Company "A" of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, his wife said. He is the son of Mrs. Lucille Hatcher, 2000 N. 3rd St.

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STAFF SGT. JAMES C. HAUGH

Mrs. Margaret Haugh, Terre Haute, four sisters, Miss Cecilia Haugh and Miss Paulette Haugh, both at home, Mrs. Mary Miller, Terre Haute, and Mrs. Jane Lych, Centerpoint; one brother, Stephen, at home; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Altvater, Terre Haute, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Ella Carson, Farmersburg.

HAUGH, JAMES C.

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Rites Friday For Sgt. Haugh Killed in Viet

Services for Army Staff Sergeant James C. Haugh, 26, of 1915 S. 5th St., who was killed the latter part of March in Vietnam will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Maryland Community Church. The Rev. James Rowe will officiate with burial to follow in Grandview Cemetery. The DeBaun Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call after 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The nine-year veteran of the Army was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam at the time of his death. Sgt. Haugh was recently awarded a medal for bravery.

Sgt. Haugh was a squad leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 327 Infantry Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, and was participating in "Operation Malheur II", near Duc Pho, Vietnam, at the time of his death.

Survivors include the mother.

HAUGH, JAMES C.

Sergeant Haugh to Receive Silver Star Posthumously

T.H. 106 9/9/69
Staff Sergeant James C. Haugh will be awarded the Silver Star posthumously Thursday, Sept. 11, for gallantry in action while serving in Vietnam. Haugh was killed in action March 27, 1969.

The award is for action taken 22 days earlier by SSgt. Haugh, when he eliminated an enemy machine gun position which had

his platoon pinned down. SSgt. Haugh left his platoon behind and went forward to the position where he succeeded in silencing the enemy fire.

The Silver Star, the third highest award given by the country was authorized by direction of the President of the United States.

SSgt. Haugh's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Haugh of 1915 S. 5th St. in Terre Haute, will receive the award. It will be presented to her in the office of the Post Commander, Fort Benjamin Harrison.

SSgt. Haugh was serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry, U.S. Army in Vietnam.

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HAUGH, JAME C.
SAPPINGFIELD, FRANKLIN A.

2 Local Soldiers Killed In Vietnam

T.H. Star 3/30/68

Two Terre Haute servicemen were listed Friday as killed in action. They were Staff Sgt. James C. Haugh, 1915 S. 5th St., and Army Spec. 4 Franklin A. Sappingfield, 607½ Center St.

Army Spec. 4 Sappingfield, 21, husband of Mrs. Lynn A. Sappingfield, had been listed as missing in action, but was now confirmed as a combat death.

Surviving besides the wife are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sappingfield; one brother James, at home; one sister, Mrs. Gloria Hayne, Seelyville, and the grandfather, the Rev. Ira Sappingfield, Terre Haute.

The body will be returned to the Bedino Peace Chapel.

Staff Sgt. Haugh, 26, a veteran of nine years in the Army, was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam. He was recently awarded a medal for bravery.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Margaret Haugh, Terre Haute, four sisters, Miss Cecilia Haugh and Miss Paulette Haugh, both at home, Mrs. Mary Miller, Terre Haute, and Mrs. Jane Lynch, Centerpoint; one brother, Steven, at home; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Altvater, Terre Haute, and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Ella Carson, Farmersburg. The body will be returned to the De-Baun Funeral Home.

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HEYEN, JOHN

Vigo Youth Dies Of War Wounds

T.H. Star 4/22/68

Pfc. John Eugene Heyen, 20, 1911 S. 23rd St., died at 3:02 a.m. Thursday in a United States Army Hospital in Japan, becoming Vigo County's 12th casualty in the Vietnam War.

He was wounded Oct. 6 by small arms fire while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Brigade.

A graduate of West Vigo High School with the class of 1966, he was inducted into the army last Feb. 7, and went overseas July 6.

Surviving are the widow, Sheryl L., and the parents, Mr.



PFC. JOHN HEYEN

and Mrs. John Heyen; three sisters, Donna, Sandra and Tammy; and two grandmothers, Mrs. Ethel Certain and Mrs. Leota Parsons, all of RR 3, West Terre Haute.

The body will be returned to the Bedino Chapel of the Valley in West Terre Haute. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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T.H. Hobbs 3/21/69

Major Hobbs Returns from Vietnam

Tribune 3-21-69
By CARL BENDER

Tribune Staff Writer

"It feels fine," said Maj. Crit Hobbs upon his return home from a tour of duty in South Vietnam.

Major Hobbs, who served 10 days short of one year in South Vietnam, was second in command at the 27th Surgical Hospital in Chulai during the last nine months of his tour of duty. He spent the first three months near Da Nang at the 95th Evacuation Hospital.

Being a doctor, Major Hobbs was able to see the war in a different light than most soldiers who serve a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Not only U. S. military personnel were treated at the surgical hospital, but Vietnamese soldiers, civilians and volunteer forces were admitted for the extreme care supplied by Major Hobbs and his staff. He said 30 to 40 per cent of the patients were Vietnamese.

But the friendly people of South Vietnam were not the only ones treated there.

"I just know some of them were VC (Viet Cong)," he said.

Crew Kept Busy

Friendly or not, Major Hobbs

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HOME FROM VIETNAM—Maj. Crit Hobbs returned home from a tour of duty in Vietnam Wednesday night, after serving almost a year in the war zone. The Army doctor is shown here with his family, from left: Brenda, 5; Brian, 4; Mrs. Hobbs, and Christina Lynn, 3. The Hobbs' other daughter, Leigh Ann, 8, was at school at the time the picture was taken.

Martin Photo.

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Major Hobbs

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and his crew was kept busy administering to the wounded and the critically ill. While wounds suffered from the fighting around Chulai and the surrounding countryside were the most prevalent, women with difficult pregnancies were treated for their problems, also.

"It was a transient situation," said Hobbs. "Most of the patients would come in for emergency treatment and then be evacuated to other hospitals, the military to other military installations and the civilians to the province hospital nearest them."

With the transient quality of the patients, especially the civilian population, Hobbs said it was not easy to judge whether or not the Vietnamese people became more friendly toward the Americans for the help they received.

But being a doctor also enabled Major Hobbs to note the horrible conditions under which the Vietnamese people live.

"We treated the adults for malaria, the plague, pneumonia; malnutrition is the biggest problem with the children, although they have a lot of worm infestation," he said.

Poor Sanitation

The plague (which was rampant throughout Europe in the Middle Ages) is the result of poor sanitation, Hobbs said. It is, he added, not an uncommon disease among the people there, either.

"Don't get me wrong," he exclaimed, "it's not going to wipe out the whole world tomorrow." The plague there, he said, is an endemic thing, and is not as harmful as people have labeled it to be.

Major Hobbs, who was born in Eastern Kentucky in 1935, had nothing but praise for the evacuation procedures used in the war, saying the helicopter is responsible for making it the best anywhere.

"We received all our patients by helicopter, and we evacuated almost all of them by helicopter," he said. Those that did not leave by medical choppers usually left through the front gate, which bordered on Route 1, the highway which runs the length of South Vietnam.

"Our compound was in an area of the perimeter at Chulai which was bordered by the South China Sea and Route 1," he said.

Major Reassigned

Being near the coast was an aid to Major Hobbs, who noted that the two monsoons through which he went were both mild compared to what they are supposed to be. The nearness to the coast was also one factor which helped stay the heavy humidity common to that part of the world.

Major Hobbs, who has been reassigned to Ft. Hauchuca, Ariz., is married to the former Joann Turner of Terre Haute.

They are the parents of three girls and a boy: Leigh Ann, 8, Brenda Gail, 5, Brian, 4, and Christina Lynn, 3. Christina celebrated her birthday March 9, and her most cherished birthday present was one sought by thousands of children: her father's homecoming.

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WAR (U. V.) Vietnam



CPL. MARK HOUSTON

Mark Houston Funeral to Be Held Friday

Funeral services for Army Cpl. Mark Houston, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Houston, 3145 N. 16th St., who died Wednesday, June 30 during a mortar attack on an Americal Division fire support base located outside the unit's main base camp at Chu Lai about 25 miles south of Da Nang, South Vietnam will be at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the Callahan Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park with full military graveside rites to be conducted by Kreitenstein American Legion Post No. 104.

Friends may call at the funeral home, where a wake service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

A 1967 graduate of Garfield High School, young Houston entered the Army Dec. 9, 1969. He had served in Vietnam about a year and was scheduled to return home this month.

Houston attended Indiana State University and worked briefly as a fireman for the Penn Central. He was a member of Post No. 104.

Other survivors include two brothers, William S., Indianapolis, and Brent, at home.

Houston is the 1,240th Hoosier killed in action in the war since 1961.

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Houston, Mark Cpl
VIETNAM

IVY, LEONARD C.

TRIP 4/1/69
**Former Local
Youth Killed
In Viet Action**



LEONARD C. IVY JR.

A former Terre Haute youth, whose wife lives in Sullivan, has been killed in action in Vietnam.

Army Private 1st Class Leonard C. Ivy Jr., 19, lost his life last Thursday, his wife reported.

Ivy, a native of Oklahoma, entered the Army last Aug. 19, and left for Vietnam on Jan. 8. He was attached to the 5th Infantry Division, and was stationed at Quang Tri.

While residing in Terre Haute last year, Ivy was employed by Tarrant Tile, Inc., 2201 Liberty Ave.

After their marriage, Ivy and his wife, the former Thelma Lowrance, made their home in

Dugger. Later, she moved to Sullivan.

Other survivors include his parents, Leonard C. Ivy Sr. and Mrs. Verlie Cloud, both of Little Rock, Ark.; one brother, three sisters and one half-sister.

Funeral services are pending.

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Jeffers Travels Hazardous Route

The road from Fire Support Base Vandergrift to Khe Sanh is 18 miles of exhausting bouncing and sliding over a narrow mud-slicked, tire-rutted dirt road. Driving the trucks is a rough, tiring task, but men such as Specialist 4 Jeffers works tirelessly night and day to deliver their valuable cargo.

Over this and other roads in the northernmost section of the Republic of Vietnam, truck drivers from the 57th and 39th Transportation Battalions work day and night hauling supplies, C-rations, fuel and ammunition in support of the Republic of Vietnam military operations in Laos, Lam Son 719.

Specialist 4 Terry E. Jeffers is a truck driver with the 57th Transportation Battalion and is making daily runs into Vandergrift from Quang Tri. His wife, Ardella, resides at 1558 Second Avenue in Terre Haute.

The drivers of the 57th Battalion haul shipments over 30 miles of paved two-lane highway to Vandergrift from Quang Tri. At Vandergrift, the loads are transferred from highway-style tractor-trailers to compact five-ton cargo trucks. Drivers of the 39th Battalion travel the shorter but more hazardous route to Khe Sanh. The dirt road is so narrow that traffic only flows one-way.

When the weather was dry, fine red dust covered the men, trucks and surrounding vegetation. But now, the monsoon from Laos is rapidly approaching and intermittent rain has already caused many trucks to become bogged down in the adhesive texture of the mud.

The condition of the road is only part of the danger that Terry and the other drivers encounter on the convoy runs. The lush green countryside and tall elephant grass alongside the road provides natural concealment for an enemy ambush.

Security for the men and materials is provided by an efficient force of mobile firepower. V-100 escort vehicles and the transportation units' own "gun trucks" fitted with automatic weapons travel with the convoys. Helicopter gunships flying overhead are ready to swoop down with rocket and minigun fire when needed.

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GENERAL
JEFFERS Terry E.

JONES, FRANK WARREN

Terre Haute *T.H. Trib-State 7/7/68* Youth Killed In Viet War

The Department of Defense has announced the death of Warrant Officer Frank Warren Jones, 21, a Terre Haute resident. He was killed in Vietnam last Sunday while flying a helicopter over the jungle.

Prior to his enlistment in 1966, he had lived for several years with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Jones, 1439 S. 6th St. Jones is president of the Terre Haute City Council.

Young Jones attended Indiana State University while in Terre Haute and was stationed at Pleiku Naval Base in Vietnam.

He volunteered to go to Viet-

nam in September, 1967, and completed over 200 air missions while in the war zone.

He was born in Terre Haute and attended grade school here before moving with his parents, Captain and Mrs. William Jones, to Georgetown, Dela., where he attended high school, earning varsity letters in football and wrestling.

Besides the parents and aunt and uncle, he is also survived by a brother, Kenneth; five sisters, Elizabeth, Pricilla, Margaret, Laura, and Nancy, all in Delaware; the grandmother, Mrs. Naomi Jones, of Terre Haute; another aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, also of Terre Haute, and five cousins.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of the body back to the United States.

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JONES, FRANK WARREN

T.H. Star 7/10/68
**MEMORIAL RITES
SET IN EAST FOR
WO FRANK JONES**

Memorial services for WO Frank Warren Jones, 21, formerly of Terre Haute, who was killed June 30 in Vietnam, will be conducted Thursday at the Wesley Methodist Church at Georgetown, Del.

Burial will be the next day with full military rites at Arlington National Cemetery.

Warrant Officer Jones lived in Terre Haute with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Jones, 1439 S. 6th St., before his enlistment in 1966. The uncle is president of the Terre Haute City Council.

Warrant Officer Jones attended Indiana State University while living in Terre Haute. In Vietnam he was stationed at Plei Ku Naval Base. He was killed while flying a helicopter over the jungle.

Flowers may be sent to the Wesley Methodist Church at Georgetown, Del. His father and friends are accepting funds for a wrestling foundation being established in his honor.

The young man was a champion in the 145-pound division in high school competition. Contributions may be sent to his father, Capt. William F. Jones, 2609 Cleveland Ave., Claymont, Del.

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JONES, STEPHEN P.

Local Soldier Dies Of Wounds In Vietnam War

Word has been received of the death of Sgt. Stephen P. Jones, 23, 1528 Chase St., who was killed in action in Vietnam Friday, Oct. 27.

Jones, who was attached to Troop D, 17th Cavalry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, was fatally injured when he stepped on a land mine and also was struck by enemy small arms fire. His death was the second Vietnam fatality of a Terre Haute serviceman reported here within the last week.

Two days before Jones' death, Pfc. James E. Gish, 20, 933 W. Prospect Ave., was fatally injured when struck by the backfire of a 106 mm weapon.

Jones attended Gerstmeyer High School and enlisted in the Army in 1962. In 1965, he re-enlisted for his second tour of duty in Vietnam. He also served in Hawaii and Korea.

Survivors include the widow, Mary Frances; the father, William Jones, Terre Haute; the stepmother, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Terre Haute; a sister, Mrs. Delta Taylor, Ft. Devens, Mass., and the grandfather, Aaron Guess, Terre Haute.

The body will be returned to the Bedino Peace Chapel where arrangements are pending.

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KUPFERER, JACK

TH Soldier Dies In Vietnam War

T.H. Star 1/23/68

A 20-year-old Terre Haute native who had been in Vietnam less than two months became the county's sixth Vietnam casualty Friday, Jan. 19, when he was killed in action.

Pfc. Jack J. Kupferer, 619 Elm St., was killed while serving with Co. B, 1st Battalion, 5th Mechanized, 25th Infantry Division.

The youth, a graduate of Gerstmeier High School with the class of 1966, was employed at Tri-Industries as a machinist prior to entering the service last June 27.

He received his basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and his advanced training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, before going overseas on Nov. 30.

Surviving are the widow, Lisa R.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Kupferer; a sister, Sally, and a brother, John, all of Terre Haute, and a grandmother,



PFC. JACK KUPFERER

Mrs. Raymond Harper, Maplewood, N. J.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home.

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LARIMER, MIKE

Larimer Wins Bronze Star

T.H. Tribune 10/21/68
By GARY SCHNEIDER

Tribune Staff Writer

A Terre Haute man, serving with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, has been awarded one of the nation's five highest combat medals.

The Bronze Star has been awarded to Marine Sergeant

John M. (Mike) Larimer for Achievement, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, and he helped his unit receive a Presidential Unit Citation.

Larimer entered the Marine Corps in 1961, after graduating from Gerstmeyer High School. In his three years in Vietnam, he has recorded 71 combat ground operations and in excess of 300 combat flight hours.



MIKE LARIMER

John M. (Mike) Larimer, the son of Mrs. Lenora M. Nens of 3327 N. 10th St.

Sergeant Larimer received the award for disregarding his own safety in combat with forces of the North Vietnamese Army. According to the commendation, he disregarded enemy fire to climb to a high vantage point and direct artillery fire, resulting in numerous enemy deaths.

Sergeant Larimer has also received the Air Award, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Secretary of the Navy Commenda-

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LARRISON, JOHN L.

Cite Larrison For Heroism

Capt. John L. Larrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Larrison, 1457 Locust St., has been decorated recently for heroism in South Viet Nam with a Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies at Perrin Air Force Base, Tex.

He is now attached to the Texas base as a member of the Air Defense Command. He was cited for his courage as an A-1E Skyraider pilot, when in spite of intense enemy ground fire, Larrison attacked Viet Cong forces that had ambushed a large convoy.

Larrison, a graduate of Gerst-meyer High School and of Purdue University, was commissioned an officer in the Air Force in 1957. His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wright, 1001 Washington Ave.

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LAWSON, KARL WADE

Terre Haute Soldier *T.H. Starke 4/19/68* Dies In Vietnam War

Spec. 4 Karl Wade Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Lawson, 731 S. 4th St., has been reported killed in action while on patrol with the Fifth Special Forces Group (Green Berets) April 6, in a jungle sector of the Republic of South Vietnam.

He was the eighth serviceman from Vigo County to die in the Vietnam fighting.

Specialist Lawson, 20, had returned to Vietnam March 23 to begin his second tour of duty after a two-week visit here. His widow, Elizabeth, resides at Fredricksburg, W. Va. After attending Wiley High School, he entered the Army Feb. 6,

See **LAWSON**

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SPEC. 4 KARL WADE LAWSON

1966, and began his first tour of duty in Vietnam as a Green Beret Feb. 1, 1967. Other survivors include eight brothers and sisters; and the grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Middlesboro, Ky., and Mrs. Muriel Wade, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Services are incomplete pending information from the Defense Department.

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LEDBETTER, JAMES R.

JAMES LEDBETTER
T.H. Star 3-16-68
DIES IN VIETNAM

Navy Hospitalman James R. Ledbetter, 114 S. 13½ St., who had been in Vietnam for two weeks, died of wounds received in Vietnam March 12.

Ledbetter is survived by his wife of two months, Jane Ann; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ledbetter, Lebanon, Mo. and three brothers and two sisters.

His brothers are Patrick, Elgin, Mo., Michael and William of Lebanon, Mo. His sisters are Deborah and Donna, Lebanon, Mo.

The Rev. Knight will officiate at the funeral at Palmer -Pickering Funeral Home, 281 S. Jefferson St., Lebanon, Mo.

Burial will be in Maple Park Cemetery, Aurora, Mo. Further arrangements are pending.

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Hoosier Among Soldiers Cited for Heroism

Ind. Soldiers — Vietnam

T.H. Trib. 11/18/65

PLEIKU, South Viet Nam (UPI)—An Indiana soldier and his men were among many lighted for heroic action during the three-day battle at Chu Long Mountain which ended Tuesday.

The bloody encounter wiped out an entire regiment of North Vietnamese troops and claimed the highest casualty figure among Americans of any single battle in the war here.

Squad Leader Allen Melvin of Crawfordsville, Ind., and his

men, Sp-4 Vincent Cantu, Refugio, Tex.; Pfc. Larry Holland, Chicago; Sp-4 Arturo Villareal, San Antonio, Tex., and Sp-4 Robert Sanchew, Rosewell, N. M., set up their mortar in a

cleared area as snipers' bullets whizzed by them.

Witnessed said the men fired 50 81 mm. shells in five minutes.

Borrowed Ammunition

When they ran out of ammunition, they borrowed or stole more from other crews in the area to keep up the pace.

Then a problem common in wartime, the barrel of their weapon became so hot it was near melting. Water was precious. The men didn't even

think twice when Melvin gave the order. All five quickly urinated on the mortar. Then

they began firing again.

Pfc. Joe F. Mackey of Fairbanks, Alaska, said after the battle, fought on the slope of the mountain, "The artillery and mortars were the only thing that saved us that night. We could hear them Vietnamese troops; moving around out there, talking and policing up their dead and wounded."

Mackey was one of the survivors of a platoon trapped in the mountainous terrain through one day, the following

night and into the second day of the battle.

LE MAY, PAUL Sgt

VIETNAM



FUNERAL SERVICES will be held at the DeBaun Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Thursday for Sgt. Paul LeMay, 24, who was killed last week in an accident in Viet Nam. The Rev. Marcus Myers will officiate with burial to follow in Roselawn Memorial Park. Friends may call at the DeBaun Funeral Home after 6 p.m. Tuesday. Military rites will be conducted by the United War Veterans Council, composed of local American Legion and VFW members. Pallbearers will be members of the local Army Reserve unit and Rose Polytechnic Institute cadets will form a firing squad. Surviving are the mother, Lucille; the father, Augustas, Indianapolis; two brothers, William and James; the grandmother, Mrs. Lena Howes, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Willy, all of Terre Haute. (Other obituaries on Page 9.)

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LUNDWALL, ROBERT

THE TRIBUNE, TERRE HAUTE, IND

Robert Lundwall Receives Viet Cross of Gallantry

JAN 22 1973

A Terre Haute man, Robert T. Lundwall, 27, was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star for his efforts on Nov. 12 in the successful rescue of a downed Vietnamese fighter pilot.

Lundwall, a helicopter pilot serving with the U.S. Army's F Troop 9 Cavalry at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam, made numerous attempts in trying to pull the wounded pilot aboard his aircraft amidst heavy enemy small arms fire. Running low on fuel, a final pass was made

into the area. As Cobra gunships and U.S. fighters peppered the surrounding woodline, Lundwall maneuvered his aircraft low level on the trees until the pilot was spotted. He then hovered directly over the pilot until his gunner was able to secure him in the helicopter.

Lundwall, who is a warrant officer, arrived in Vietnam Feb. 23, 1972. He has been in the Army since May 1966. He is a 1965 graduate of Garfield High School.

His parents are former Terre Hauteans, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lundwall, now of Box 260, Leesburg, Fla. His wife is the former Phyllis Brackall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Brackall, 3414 Rosehill Rd.

Previously Lundwall had received the National Defense, Air Force Good Conduct, Air Medal, VN Campaign and Service Medal and the Army Commendation Award.

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MALOOLEY, RUDOLPH S.



Bronze Star 8/26/68
RECEIVES CITATION—Army Maj. Rudolph S. Malooley right, son of Mrs. Mary Malooley, 1434 Chestnut St., Terre Haute, Ind., recently received the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies near Long Binh, Vietnam. Congratulating him is Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Murphy, commanding general of the II Field Force, Vietnam. Major Malooley received the award for meritorious service as a chemical officer in the II Field Force, Vietnam's Headquarters Company. He was stationed at Ft. McClellan, Ala., before arriving in Vietnam in July 1967. Major Malooley was graduated from Wiley High School in 1947 and received his B.S. degree in 1955 from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

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MAXWELL, HURDLE L.

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NEW COMMANDER—Lt. Col. Hurdle L. Maxwell (right), the new commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, views his new unit along with Lt. Col. William A. Dicus Jr., the former battalion commander. Col. Maxwell is the first Negro to command a battalion in the Marine Corps. **Official Marine Corps Photo.**

Lt. Col. Maxwell Heads Battalion

For a guy who joined the Marine Corps "to get a free trip to California" almost 19 years ago, Lt. Col. Hurdle L. Maxwell has done all right for himself.

The 38-year-old native of Terre Haute recently assumed command of the First Battalion, Sixth Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and, in so doing, became the first Negro to command an infantry battalion in

the Second Marine Division.

Looking back, the Marine admits that getting to California wasn't his only reason for joining.

"Oh, I had a couple of other reasons for enlisting," he says, "I wanted to get in on Korea and I had friends in the Marine Corps, but I really wanted to get to California, too."

After making sergeant in 1953, Lt. Maxwell applied for Officers Candidate School and was commissioned a second lieutenant after graduation.

Since then, he has moved around quite a bit.

"I guess I've been just about everywhere," he recalls. "My field is tanks, but I've done a little bit of everything."

"I can look back and remember a little about every station. Korea? Doggone cold! Vietnam? Hot as the blazes!"

Referring to his current assignment as battalion commander, Maxwell said, "In addition to our unit here at Camp Lejeune we have Marines in the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and in Cuba. With all these commit-

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ments our ranks here are thin, and I intend to make it my most important business to solidify our forces at Camp Lejeune."

Born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1910, he attended Indiana State University for three years before enlisting.

As to future plans, Maxwell says, "I'm looking forward to a good cruise in the Mediterranean and one in the Caribbean. After that, it depends on my value to the Marine Corps."

"I'll serve as long as I can contribute," he concluded.

Maxwell is married to the former Hattie Elam of Augusta, Ga., who is presently serving in the Navy Nurse Corps. She will join him at Camp Lejeune shortly.

Helicopter Crew Members Save Two Wounded Infantrymen In Viet Nam

P. H. Adair 3/10/67

Two helicopter crew members of the 1st Cav. Div's 229th Aviation Battalion braved intense enemy automatic weapons fire to save two wounded infantrymen during Operation Thayer II.

Capt. Paul F. Maxwell, a pilot and platoon leader with Company A, was taking his chopper-load of infantrymen into a landing zone approximately five miles northeast of Bong Son when he received word that a wounded man had been seen lying face up in the landing zone.

As Maxwell entered the landing zone and off-loaded the Sky Troopers, he took a quick look around, but did not see anyone needing assistance.

When his chopper and was starting to leave when his door gunner and crew chief spotted the man.

Maxwell broke formation and returned to the landing zone. The crew members waited for the infantrymen to bring the wounded soldier to the ship, but it was apparent that the intensive hostile fire had the infantry soldiers pinned down.

Disregarding the intense fire, PFCs Miles T. Reid, crew chief, and John R. Gregoire, door gunner, ran to the side of the soldier and carried him back to the chopper.

"I could see their muzzle flashes," said Gregoire, "and I decided this was no place to stand around."

As the chopper started to take off, an infantryman ran up and yelled to Maxwell that there was another wounded Cav. soldier at the other end of the landing zone.

Maxwell moved his chopper to the other location and found another seriously wounded Sky Trooper.

Reid and Gregoire loaded the soldier onto the aircraft.

A short flight to landing zone English, near Bong Son, brought the wounded to medical aid.

Capt. Maxwell's home is at 1138 Maple Ave., Terre Haute, Ind.

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MAXWELL, PAUL F.

MAXWELL, PAUL E.

**HEROISM OF LOCAL
PILOT SERVING IN
VIET COMMENDED**

T.H. Trip - 4/16/70

Having braved intense enemy fire to save two wounded infantrymen, Capt. Paul F. Maxwell of 1138 Maple Ave., was recently cited by the First Cavalry Division's 22nd Aviation Battalion.

Capt. Maxwell's heroic action came while he was serving as pilot and platoon leader with Company A near Bong Son, Vietnam.

He and two others spotted a wounded man lying face up in a helicopter landing zone some five miles northeast of Bong Son and left formation to return to the ground and rescue the infantryman.

While carrying the soldier back to the copter, the men discovered another seriously wounded sky trooper, who was also taken to the copter and back to Bong Son for medical aid. The entire rescue operation was performed under intense hostile fire.

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Mc CAMPBELL, JAMES L.

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**ROCKVILLE GI
GETS OFFICER BARS**

ROCKVILLE, Ind.—James L. McCampbell, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCampbell of Marshall, has been commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the Officer Candidate School at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla.

Lt. McCampbell accepted his branch. He will attend Officer commission in the Signal Corps Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Ga., Communication Schooling at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and permanent duty station at Fort Belvoir, Va.

He was graduated from Turkey Run High School and received his B.S. degree from Purdue University and his M.S. from Michigan State University.

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Local GI Dies Of Wounds In Viet Fighting



LARRY JAMES McDOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell, 3201 N. 16th St. received word Wednesday of the death of their son, Pfc. Larry James McDowell, 20, who died Monday from injuries suffered July 21, in Vietnam.

McDowell, who entered the S. Army last September, had been in Vietnam for four months. A member of the 101st Airborne Division, he was wounded by fragments while at an artillery firing position when the area came under mortar and small arms attack by a hostile force.

He was the 15th Vigo County boy to die in Vietnam.

He was a 1967 graduate of Hulth High School, where he played four years of basketball, and was a member of the Hulth Lettermen's Club. He also played on Terre Haute Little League and Babe Ruth teams.

In addition to the parents he survived by two brothers, James and Joseph, and two sisters, Patty and Janice, all at home, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Washington, Ind., and Mrs. Marie McDowell, Terre Haute.

The body will be returned to the Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home, where funeral arrangements are pending.

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McDOWELL, LARRY JAMES

McELROY, RONALD L.

**RONALD McELROY
EARNS BRONZE STAR
WHILE PRISONER**

Strb-5/26/70



RONALD L. McELROY

An act of heroism while being held prisoner by the Viet Cong has earned the Bronze Star for a 21-year-old Terre Haute soldier.

Staff Sgt. Ronald L. McElroy, assigned to U. S. Army's Ranger Division, received special recognition after saving himself and two other soldiers from possible imprisonment or death.

McElroy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McElroy, 1544 6th Ave., was on patrol with two other men when they were captured by enemy soldiers.

Sgt. McElroy freed himself and returned to the scene to assist his buddies. He managed to distract the enemy long enough with grenades and gunfire for his companions to escape. They pursued the enemy patrol and captured a mail bag containing important documents.

He is a graduate of Germeyer High School and Samm's Technical Institute in Indianapolis. His wife, the former Rita Pritchett, resides in Indianapolis. His tour of duty in Vietnam will be completed in September.

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MENEELY, HERMAN R.

Vigo Soldier Dies In Viet Nam War

Pfc. Herman R. Meneely, a 21-year-old soldier, became the second Vigo County serviceman to die in Viet Nam fighting when he stepped on a land mine during a battle last week.

Capt. Eugene Fowler of Terre Haute died in April of 1965 following a similar explosion during a Viet Nam ground skirmish.

Meneely entered the army September 22, 1965, and went to Viet Nam May 14, 1966. He served in Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 28th division, First Infantry in Viet Nam.

He was a graduate of Fontanet High School and had attended Gerstmeyer High School.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Anna Bell Meneely, 2424 High Ave., Terre Haute; a daughter, Shelly Kay, at home; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Meneely, 1515 Ash St., Terre



HERMAN R. MENEELY

Haute; a sister, Mrs. Lona Boyce, Terre Haute, and a half-brother, William Winn, Oklahoma.

The body will be returned to the Thomas Funeral Home here for services.

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MYLES, ROBERT

**FORMER RESIDENT
KILLED IN VIET**

12/6/66

NAM PLANE CRASH

A former Terre Haute resident, Staff Sgt. Robert Myles, United States Air Force, died Monday as the result of an airplane crash in Viet Nam.

Myles, who sustained his injuries three weeks ago, seemed to be recovering, and was flown from Viet Nam to San Francisco, Sunday. He died a short time later.

He had been serving in the Air Force for 13 years, and in Viet Nam for over two years.

Myles, 29, attended Garfield High School in Terre Haute.

Surviving are the wife, Kit-Ge, of Fairfield, Calif.; one son, Robert Jr., at home; the father, Mr. Everett Myles, 1557 7th Ave., and the mother, Mrs. Inez DeWitt, RR 6.

Funeral arrangements are pending in San Francisco.

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MYERS, PEARL WAYNE

Local Marine
T.H. Star 3/20/67
Dies In Vietnam



PEARL WAYNE MYERS

Marine Pfc. Pearl Wayne Myers, 20, a 1965 graduate of Gerstmeier High School, was killed in action at Quang Ngai, Vietnam, March 16, while serving with the Seventh U.S. Marines.

Private Myers enlisted in the Marines April 10, 1966, and had been stationed in Vietnam five months. He was wounded in action March 2, 1967, and was returned into action one week later, after refusing the Purple Heart which was offered to him at that time.

Surviving are the widow, Linda; a son, Shane Allen, five months old; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Myers, 2332 2nd Ave., and three brothers, George, serving with the U.S. Army in Korea, and Henry and Keith, both at home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the DeBaun Funeral Home.

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Viet Veteran Backs Fight

T.H. Star 2/3/67

By SARAH BENCE

Back from his second tour of duty in Vietnam, a Terre Haute Marine is emphatic in his belief "the United States should be there."

And the South Vietnamese must appreciate his fighting for their cause. They presented him with the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with Silver Star last November for operations in the Seventh Marines. The silver star indicates exceptional gallantry.

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He is Sgt. Frank E. (Gene) Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis Parks, 25 S. 16th St. The 22-year-old Marine arrived home Sunday after being in Vietnam for the second time since last February. He first went overseas in May, 1964 for duty afloat off the Vietnam coast the following December. He returned from that tour in June 1965.

A buddy he met while in the Corps was Sgt. David Gummere, a native of Shelburn, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gummere live in La Habra, Calif., and have for many years.

The two were fighting side by side last April 22 when an enemy bullet killed Sergeant Gummere. Sergeant Parks pulled him back from the line and went with his body for the military services. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Gummere, Shelburn, grandparents of the slain youth, were among those meeting Parks at the airport Sunday.

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Sergeant Parks has been recommended for the Silver Star. He has been wounded slightly four times, but has not put in for the Purple Heart, he said.

The graduate of Gerstmeier High School will be released from active duty Aug. 25. He plans to return to Terre Haute

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VIETNAMESE CROSS WINNER—Sgt. Frank E. (Gene) Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parks, 25 S. 16th St., now home on leave, holds the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with Silver Star presented him by the South Vietnamese Nov. 22 for operations with the Seventh Marines. (Photo by Kadel)

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PARKS, FRANK

Local Marine^X

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and attend Indiana State University, majoring in business administration.

He wears the rifle and pistol sharp shooter medals. His ribbons are for good conduct, Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces, National Defense, Vietnamese campaign, Vietnamese medal and Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry in action.

PHILLIPS, JACK W.

Sgt. Jack W. Phillips Gets Citation for Vietnam Work

T.H. Trib. 6/13/68
Sgt. First Class (E7) Jack W. Phillips, United States Army, 23rd M.P. Co., formerly of Terre Haute, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by the direction of the Secretary of the Army.

Sgt. Phillips is the son of Mrs. Guy Phillips of West Terre Haute. His Japanese-born wife and six children are residing in Clarksville, Tenn. Sgt. Phillips will have completed 23 years of service in the U.S. Army in September of this year. He is planning to retire May 1, 1969.

The citation reads:

"For meritorious achievement in the Republic of Vietnam, Sgt. Phillips distinguished himself during the period Sept. 1, 1967, to Feb. 20, 1968, while serving as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Americal Division Prisoner of War Collecting Point.

"During that period, Sgt. Phillips undertook the task of completely renovating the collecting point. Among his many accomplishments, he established an entirely new administrative processing system for the Prisoners of War, modernized the living conditions for both prisoners and military police and helped rewrite the standard operating procedure for the handling of Prisoners of War. Sgt.

Phillips maintained a high degree of morale and spirit among the men by adding a club building with outside cooking facilities, new furniture and decorations to their living quarters.

"His achievements were successful to the extent that when the Provost Marshal for the U.S. Army Republic of Vietnam inspected the collection point, he remarked that its operation and appearance were the best in initiative and ingenuity is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Americal Division and the U.S. Army."

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PIERCE, Jimmie



3-23-69
THE BIG STRETCH—Children in a South Vietnamese orphanage reach out to grab pieces of candy and gum tossed into the air by Sp. 5 Jimmie Pierce (on truck, right), a local man stationed in Vietnam. Pierce, who appealed to Terre Hauteans to send candy, toys and other goodies to the children, got his first boxes from the Evening Bible Study Group of St. Mark United Church of Christ.

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READINGER, CARL
DE LONG, RONALD

Former Garfield Pupils Hurt In South Vietnam

Two former Garfield High School classmates are recovering from wounds suffered in recent action in South Vietnam.

The two are Lance Cpl. Carl 'Mike' Readinger, and Seaman Ronald DeLong, both 21 and both 1964 graduates of Garfield.

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Corporal Readinger, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Readinger, of RR 7, is convalescing in Okinawa after being wounded Feb. 9, near Da Nang.

He was driving a truck in a combat area when the truck turned over, pinning the Marine under it.

After he was graduated from Garfield, Corporal Readinger attended the Howard O. Sams Technical Institute for two years prior to enlistment in June, 1966. He started his tour of duty in South Vietnam in May, 1967.

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Seaman DeLong is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. DeLong, 675 Linden St. He suffered shrapnel wounds in the leg when enemy mortar fire scored a direct hit in a river barge he was helping to unload.

The sailor is presently en route to the hospital at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago.

He has been in the Navy for two years and was serving in Vietnam on a second tour of duty when injured.

Both men will receive the Purple Heart.

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REININGA, Terry R.

**SOLDIER-HUSBAND
OF TH WOMAN
WINS HONOR**

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PHUOC VINH, Vietnam —
Army Specialist Four Terry R.
Reininga, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Alton Reininga, Route 8, Evans-
ville, Ind., was named soldier
of the month for the 79th
Engineer Battalion near Phuoc
Vinh, Vietnam.

A medical aidman in the
battalion's Headquarters Com-
pany, Spec. 4 Reininga was se-
lected for his soldierly appear-
ance, knowledge and perform-
ance of duties and military
courtesy.

He entered the Army in No-
vember 1968 and was stationed
at Ft. Benning, Ga., before ar-
riving overseas last July.

The 25-year-old soldier re-
ceived his B.S. degree from
Purdue University in West
Lafayette, Ind., in 1967. His
wife, Vickie, lives at 3103 Fen-
wood Ave., Terre Haute.

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RICHARDSON, WILLIAM H. JR.

TERRE HAUTE GI
KILLED FIGHTING
Y. I. Star 11/15/67
IN VIETNAM WAR

A Terre Haute youth, Pvt. William H. Richardson Jr., 18, has been killed in action in South Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson Sr., 2810 Schaal Ave., were notified of their son's death Tuesday. He had been reported missing in action Nov. 10.

Private Richardson was serving with Co. B, 3rd Bn. of the 4th Inf. Div. of the U.S. Army. He attended Gerstmeyer High School before enlisting last April. He had been in Vietnam less than two months.

Other survivors include two sisters, Carrie Irene and Diana Lynn, both at home, and a brother, Jerry Wayne, at home, and the grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Richardson, RR 4, West Terre Haute.

Private Richardson was a member of the South Central Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Arrangements are pending at the Bedino Peace Chapel.

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RICHARDSON, WILLIAM H. JR.

T. H. Soldier

Killed in

S. Vietnam

J. H. Trib. 11/15/67.
Army Pvt. William H. Richardson Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson, 2810 Schaal Ave., has been killed in action while serving with the 4th Infantry Division in South Vietnam.

The parents were notified of their son's death Tuesday. Young Richardson had been reported as missing in action last Friday. He had been in the war-

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PVT. W. H. RICHARDSON JR.

to the country less than two months.

Pvt. Richardson, who attended Gerstmeyer High School, was attached to Company "B" of the 3rd Battalion. He enlisted in the U. S. Army last April.

He was a member of the South Central Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Survivors besides the parents include one brother, Jerry Richardson, at home; two sisters, Carrier Irene and Diana Lynn Richardson, both at home, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Richardson, RR 4, West Terre Haute.

The body is to be returned to the Bedino Peace Chapel.

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RICHARDSON, WILLIAM H. JR.

Posthumous Award Given Vietnam Hero

T.H. Trib. 7/3/68 p.3
The U. S. Army Bronze Star with valor has been presented posthumously to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson Sr., 2810 Schaal Ave., for their son, Private First Class William H. Richardson Jr., who was killed in Vietnam, Nov. 10, 1967.

Presentation of the award, which is the Army's fourth highest medal, was made to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson by Capt. Andzs Putnins, an ROTC instructor at Rose Polytechnic Institute.

In addition to the Bronze Star with valor, the parents posthumously received the Purple Heart medal from the Department of Army last December.

A citation which accompanied the Bronze Star medal reads: "For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Richardson distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman with Company D, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Division. On 10 November 1967, Company D made a combat assault south of Dak To into an area known to contain enemy forces of regimental size. When contact was made with the enemy, the company began to receive heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Immediately Pfc. Richardson began to return the hostile fire. Fighting with tenacity and heroic vigor, he moved with his fire team heroically as they engaged and tried to eliminate the opposition. His sacrifice and devotion to his fellow comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the U. S. Army."

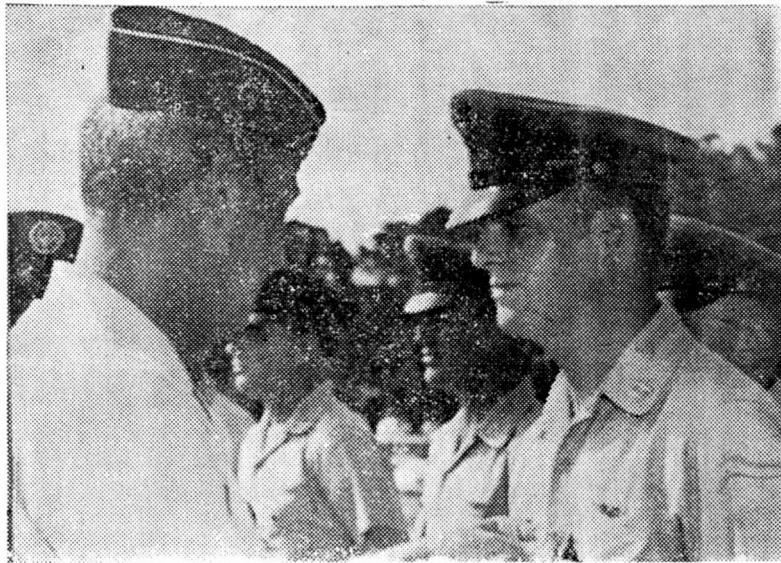
Pfc. Richardson attended Gerstmeyer High School and had served only two months in Vietnam prior to his death.

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About You! And You!! And You!!!



Captain William R. Bradfield

U. S. Air Force Captain William R. Bradfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne T. Bradfield, 626 South Sixth, has been presented two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for combat flights in Southeast Asia. Capt. Bradfield earned the first award for heroism as a forward air controller flying (FAC) to the aid of a friendly company surrounded and pinned down by a large enemy force. Although his small aircraft was constantly fired upon, he successfully directed tactical airpower against the aggressor. His superior airmanship enabled the friendly company to regain

the offensive. The captain earned his second award for flying a vitally important mission into the A Shau Valley to destroy enemy gun positions. Due to his professional ability and disregard for his own safety friendly forces were able to move into the valley. Capt. Bradfield, who has earned three DFCs in five years of Air Force service, was honored at Eglin AFB, Fla., where he is now serving as a FAC instructor with the Tactical Air Command. A 1959 graduate of Fairfield (Ill.) Comm. high school, he received his BS degree in accounting from Southern Illinois University,

Mrs. John R. Roberts, RR 32, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Hull in Vietnam. Serving as flagship for Destroyer Division 12, the Hull recently took part in a fire mission just south of the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam. The primary mission of destroyers are anti-submarine and anti-aircraft warfare.

Fireman Apprentice Jerry L. Bengert, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bengert, RR 51, is serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Mahan in the Western Pacific at Yokosuka, Japan. His ship recently completed its first two years as a Western Pacific based ship. The Mahan operates as a radar picket ship off the coast of Vietnam. Its primary duty is early detection and warning of possible enemy attack by air or sea.

Marine Lance Corporal Roger G. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger G. Scott, 2718 Putnam Ave., and husband of the former Miss Diana A. Anderson, Chicago, was promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 14, Marine Air Group 14, Cherry Point, N. C. His promotion was based

on time in service and rank, military appearance and his knowledge of selected military subjects.

Army Reserve Major James W. Rost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Rost, 3299 Margaret Ave., has completed Phase 10 of the command and general staff officer course at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. The course, which was attended by 396 selected officers from the active Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve, is organized into 10 phases and given over a five-year period with the final two-week phase conducted at Ft. Leavenworth. The training is designed to prepare students for responsible positions at the division level and up. The major is now assigned to the 4159th U. S. Army Reserve School at Fort Worth, Tex. He and his wife, Rose, live in Fort Worth, where he is a projects engineer with General Dynamics.

Airman Vance C. Pinkston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Pinkston, 2356 Seabury, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and is now assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training as a fire protection spec-

where he was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps. He also attended the University of Illinois. His wife, Loisann, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Beauchamp, Carbondale, Ill.

Army Captain Roger A. Mueller, 26, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mueller Jr., Parkton, Md., has been assigned to the 199th Light Infantry Brigade near Long Binh, Vietnam. His wife, Nancy, lives at 4951 Dixie Bee Rd.

Airman Max B. Johnson USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Johnson Sr., 2802 South Seventh, is participating in Operation Deep Freeze 1970, with Atlantic Development Squadron Six at Quonset Point, R. I. The squadron provides logistical support to scientists of the U. S. Antarctic Research Program. It transports men, fuel, food and supplies to the stations in Antarctica from Christchurch, New Zealand. The squadron is also involved in photo-mapping the continent.

Robert L. Rittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Rittman, 2212 Lafayette Ave., has been promoted to airman first class in the U. S. Air Force. An operating room specialist, the airman is assigned to the 825th Medical Group at Little Rock AFB, Ark. He was graduated from Garfield high school and attended Indiana State University. His wife, Judith, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Lawhorn, 4005 Hall Ave.

Machinist Mate Second Class Patrick J. Roberts, USN, son of Mr. and

his wife, is a graduate of Sullivan high school.

Aviation Machinist Mate Third Class Charles McCalister, USN, son of Mrs. Sarah J. McCalister, 1006 North Fourth, and husband of the former Miss Barbara J. Dawson, Oakland, Calif., took part in an administrative and material inspection while serving with Patrol Squadron 45 at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. The inspection involved a thorough check into the squadron's administrative activities and material readiness. It included full-dress personnel inspection and individual inspection of each shop and office in the squadron.

Daniel B. Kane, 22, son of Mrs. Isabell Kane, 1818 North Eleventh, recently was promoted to Army specialist four in Vietnam, where he is serving with the 92nd Artillery near Pleiku. Spec. 4 Kane, a cannoneer with Battery B, 1st Battalion of the 92nd Artillery, entered the Army in June 1968 and completed basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He is a 1968 graduate of Garfield high school.

ROBERTS, PATRICK J.
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ROGERS
RAYMOND G.

Former Terre Hautean Recipient Of Navy Cross

The grandson of a Terre Haute woman has received the Navy Cross, second highest combat medal for heroism.

He is 1st Sgt. Raymond G. Rogers, Jr., grandson of Mrs. Mary Reese, 103 Gilbert Ave., and son of the former Juanita Reese.

Award of the Navy Cross was made for Sergeant Rogers' service in Vietnam. He also holds the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with gold star, highest combat medal presented by the South Vietnamese government.

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While he was in Vietnam his wife, Vivian, and their five children lived in Terre Haute at 1224 S. Center St. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Rogers Sr., Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Presentation of the Navy Cross was made this month at Camp Lejune, North Carolina, where the sergeant now is coach of all-Marine boxing team.

His citation reads, in part: "For extra-ordinary heroism while serving as first sergeant, Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam on 30 March 1967.

"While on operation Prairie III, northwest of Cam Lo, near the Demilitarized Zone, the command post group were preparing night positions on Hill 70, when they were hit with a vicious mortar barrage followed by an intense and vicious ground assault by an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese

Army Company. Seeing his company commander's position occupied by the enemy, he single-handedly charged through heavy automatic weapons fire and grenades to assist him.

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Upon reaching the position, he found his company commander mortally wounded and engaged the numerically superior enemy force, killing several. In this instant he was severely wounded by rifle fire, but despite his painful injuries, he continued to deliver accurate and effective fire upon the enemy.

"Seeing the weapons platoon commander go down, he crawled to him, administered first aid and, at the injured man's request, propped him into a firing position. Being the senior Marine present, he assumed command of his remaining forces and crawled through a widely exposed area to radio and re-establish contact with the battalion.

"While attempting to call in artillery fire on his own position, a Huey gunship came into the area. He established contact with the gunship and directed fire on the enemy, but the enemy hordes kept coming into his positions. Although seriously wounded, he led six seriously wounded survivors to a covered position and established a hasty defense.

"As a result of his courageous leadership and stirring example, the fanatic enemy assaults were stopped. By his daring initiative, valiant spirit and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave personal risk, First Sergeant Rogers served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps. and the United States Naval Service.

Sergeant Rogers has been in the Marine Corps for 23 years. He was wounded once in Korea and suffered two wounds while serving in Vietnam.

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SAPPINGFIELD, FRANK A.

**WIDOW RECEIVES
MEDALS AWARDED
LATE HUSBAND**

The widow of a Terre Haute serviceman, who was killed in the Vietnam war last March, Tuesday was presented a number of medals her late husband was awarded by the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Lynn Sappingfield and her five-month-old daughter, Laure Lynn, accepted the medals in behalf of Specialist 4th Class Frank A. Sappingfield, who was killed in the war-torn country.

The medals were presented to Mrs. Sappingfield by Colonel Robert A. Willets, chairman of the military science department at Rose Polytechnic Institute. The medals included the Silver Star, Purple Heart, American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese government campaign and service medals.

Spec. Sappingfield was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sappingfield, 1454 Beech St.

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SCHIMMEL, STEVEN

Viet Air Crash Kills STAR 6/11/69 Local Army Officer

U.S. Army Lieutenant Steven G. Schimmel, 21, 711 College Avenue, was killed June 3 in South Vietnam in an aircraft accident.

Lt. Schimmel entered the Army in October of 1966. He went to Vietnam in April as a reconnaissance pilot with the 219 aviation reconnaissance company, in the 17th aviation group.

He came to Terre Haute from Chicago. He attended Sarah Scott Junior High School, graduated from Wiley High School in 1965 and attended Indiana State University.

Survivors include his daughter, Tammy; his mother, Mrs. Lois Schimmel, a sister, Miss Donna, and a brother, Michael, all at home.

Other survivors include his father, Donald Schimmel, Terre Haute, and his grandmother, Mrs. Alta Schimmel, Chicago, Ill.

The body will be brought to ing.



LT. STEVEN SCHIMMEL

the Callahan Funeral Home where arrangements are pending.

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CAPTAIN RICHARD L. SOWERS and friend at the Sancta Maria Orphanage, Saigon, South Vietnam. The career Army officer, a graduate of Otter Creek High School and alumnus of Indiana State University, is president of the Sancta Maria Orphanage Association, a project of the 509th Radio Research Group which assists in the care of over 300 Vietnamese orphans.

Capt. Sowers of Terre Haute Heads Vietnam Orphanage

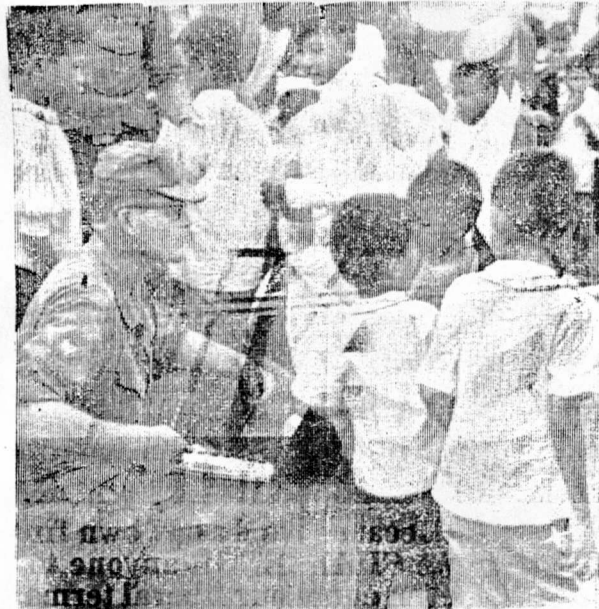
United States soldiers are doing more than fighting in Vietnam and a former Terre Hautean is among those leading the "other" war against the plight of Vietnamese orphans.

He is Captain Richard L. Sowers, who left Terre Haute in 1953 to begin a career in the U. S. Army and is now stationed with the 509th Radio Research Group in Saigon. Capt. Sowers was graduated from Otter Creek High School and attended Indiana State University before entering active duty.

The project that is closest to the hearts of many people in

the United States and to the men of the 509th Radio Research Group is the Sancta Maria Orphanage Association, founded in 1964. The project assists in the care of more than 300 Vietnamese orphans. Capt. Sowers has been the president of the Association for the past seven months.

In a recent letter passed on to us by his mother, Mrs. Kittie N. Vail, 2521 N. 10th St., he explained that the Sancta Maria Orphanage really began with a South Vietnamese ex-capee from a Viet Cong "con-



JULY FOURTH PICNIC In Saigon at an orphanage operated by United States soldiers as part of the "other war" against the plight of Vietnamese children. Former Terre Haute Capt. Richard Sowers currently heads the Sancta Maria Orphanage Association. With assistance from around the world, a new farm orphanage to house 500 orphans is near completion.

Andre, the escapee, founded the orphanage by using his inheritance to purchase a house in Saigon. He installed his family and 10 orphans. Three years later, Andre had about 200 orphans, a larger house, and problems.

At that point the men of the 509th came to the rescue with money, time and advice. Build Farm Orphanage.

The men, who elected Andre to administer funds for the orphanage, publish a monthly newsletter to let contributors know of progress at the orphanage, as the council receives assistance from contributors in that almost every state in the Union. The orphanage association is

now completing work on a farm orphanage outside Saigon to house about 500 orphans.

Capt. Sowers goes on to say, "With the assistance of donors in the U. S. and here in the group, we can keep them in clothes, soap, toys, and necessities of life. That makes us and them happy and will provide them a better chance in life once this country gets on its feet. After all, they are the ones of tomorrow, and the guys that will be running their country one of these years. I know of progress at the orphanage, as the council receives assistance from contributors in that almost every state in the Union. The orphanage association is

brought in with her three young children. She was, and still is, unaware of everything around her. Her village had been overrun by the Viet Cong, who accused her husband of giving information to our side. So to punish the husband, they buried him and his mother alive in front of the wife and children. She has never come out of shock and it's doubtful if she ever will. Her kids are fine . . . growing by the day, and she is well taken care of by Andre and his staff.

"This is the type of so-called human beings we are fighting over here. My greatest wish is that the draft card burners and their followers could live to the stories of these unfortunate people . . . what they have lost, and their life of terror under the Viet Cong."

Appreciate Freedom.

Sowers continues, "We Americans just cannot realize how great freedom is and how life would be without it. Our country and our freedom are the most valuable things. Next to God, that we possess. If we should lose any of the three, our children could end up in the circumstances we see here every week."

"I guess that's why the military man seems a bit more radical in many ideas, but we live around this all during our careers — what life can be without freedom . . . I don't mean to preach . . . but I find it difficult not to enter into the cause," he writes.

When the 509th discovered the orphanage, about 200 children were living in a two-story house, sleeping on concrete or wooden floors. There were no baths, beds, or medical assistance.

As Capt. Sowers says, "We begged, borrowed and 'procured' Army-type bunk beds. Now the children, well over

300, sleep two to a bunk. It's a little crowded, but when you have never had a bed before in your life, sleeping two per bed is not abnormal."

The men also volunteered off-duty medical care, babysitting, and shower building. Some 700 of them presented the children with a real American Fourth of July picnic. "They might as well learn now what a hot dog is, I hope it doesn't come as too much of a shock to them . . . Anyway, we gave them an idea of a good time and good old American games and food."

"The men are very popular in the field of piggyback rides. For the child has been worn out but we have suffered a worn-out GI back, here and there."

He adds, "Working with the kids does provide a little bit of a selfish motive in our part. In most cases, those little guys represent sons, daughters, little sisters or brothers. Even though the kids don't realize it, they are giving us something in return . . . and it's for darn sure most of us need it. In turn, we represent something they have lost, or never had after birth; just a plain grown-up to have around, romp with, and have as a part of their limited activities. So when I say mutual love and appreciation, it's really mutual. We're all happy about that."

People around the world are sending items and money to make life more pleasant at the orphanage. Items in demand are: soap, cooking utensils, plastic cups, plates and bowls, children's picture books, toys, toothpaste, detergent, instant hot or dry cereal, baby blankets, children's games which do not require written directions to understand or play, coloring books and crayons, clothes for all ages to 17 years (summer only), tooth brushes, wash cloths and towels, powdered

milk and band-aids.

Check or money orders go a long way in Vietnam, according to Capt. Sowers. They must be made payable to the "Sancta Maria Orphanage Association."

Contributions may be sent to: Headquarters, 509th Radio Research Group, Sancta Maria Orphanage Association, APO San Francisco, 96307.

North Central Athlete Killed In Vietnam

Stuck was an outstanding player on the North Central basketball teams during his years in the school. He was popular at the school and took part in other athletic and extra-curricular activities.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stuck of Farmersburg; a sister, Cheryl, at home; two brothers, Steve and Barry, both at home, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuck of Shelburn.

Pvt. Stuck became the 520th Hoosier casualty in the Vietnam War. The body will be returned to the Fidler and Wood Funeral Home.

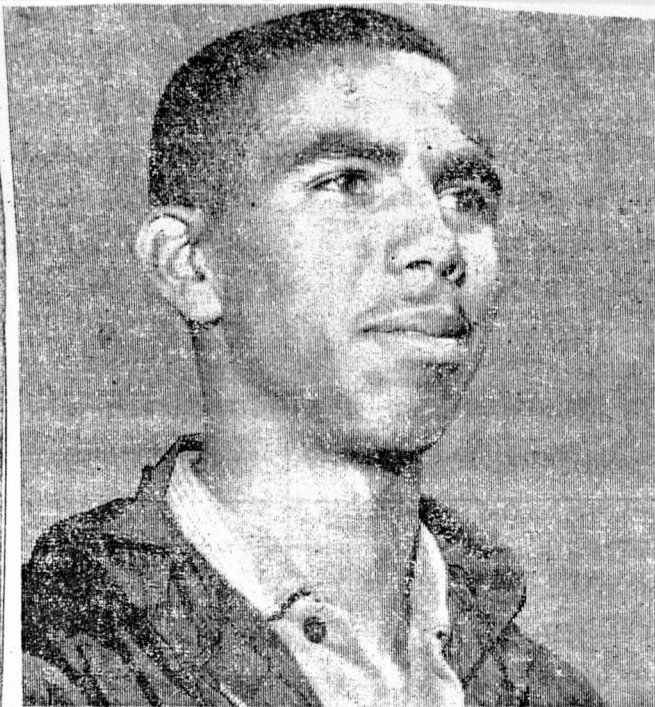
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SWEATT, THEODORE A.



SGT. THEODORE A. SWEATT

Rites Thursday For Ted Sweatt

T.H. Trib. 12/10/68
Funeral services for Sgt. Theodore (Ted) Alfred Sweatt, who became Vigo County's 13th casualty of the Vietnam War, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Freewill Baptist Church, 13th and Franklin streets. The Rev. Stanford Hervey will officiate.

Burial and graveside military services will be at Soldiers Circle, Highland Lawn Cemetery, following services at the church.

Friends may call at the Freewill church from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Sweatt, 21, a former outstanding athlete at Wiley High School, had been in Vietnam for eight months before being fatally injured when his Army patrol was ambushed in the DMZ.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Sweatt, 1618 S. 13th

The 1964 Wiley graduate was chosen as the school's outstanding athlete when he was a senior. He set an Indiana high school high jump record of 6-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the 1964 state track meet.

He also was a high-scoring

center on the school's basketball team.

Besides the parents, survivors include a sister, Dorothy Louise, at home; and six brothers, all of whom except the youngest, Gary, who is a pupil at Sarah Scott Junior High School, have been standouts in all sports at Wiley High School.

The brothers are Larry and Keith, both of Los Angeles; Everett G. Jr. and William, both of Terre Haute, and Douglas and Gary, both at home.

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THOMPSON, JOHN

Veteran Wounded 4 Times, But Re-Enlists in Army

T.H. Tribune Staff 8-27-67.

By PAT BARNES

A Terre Haute grandmother is one of the proudest in the country and she has a right to be. Mrs. Flora Payne of 417 1/2 Wabash Ave. has a 23-year-old grandson who will be returning to Vietnam for his third tour of duty.

Sgt. John K. Thompson, who is serving with the 1st Cavalry Division, has been wounded in action four times while in Vietnam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson, Mobile, Ala., and formerly of Terre Haute. While residing in Terre Haute, Sgt. Thompson attended Thompson School for two years and lived with his grandmother. Thompson described the air-

Served in Guard

Sgt. Thompson at the age of 18 joined the army and for two years was a member of the "Old Guard," the President's honor guard.

Sgt. Thompson first went to Vietnam in 1962 while serving with the U. S. Army. Following his assignment in the army with the "Old Guard" he went to Vietnam for the second time.

On July 12, 1966, he was wounded in the shoulder, was hospitalized for a short time and then back into combat. Sept. 22, 1966, he was under fire and a bullet struck his helmet and the sergeant fell 60 feet and hit a tree. Temporary paralysis due to an injured nerve kept Thompson in a Tokyo hospital



SGT. JOHN THOMPSON

for three months. In December he was released from the hospital and two days later he received minor wounds to his right arm in combat. Some months later he was wounded for the fourth time while riding in a jeep and the driver swerved to miss a mine and ran over a land mine. The explosion killed the jeep driver.

Sgt. Thompson has received injuries to both legs, arms and neck. He just recently re-enlisted in the army for a six-year hitch. He is currently on his way again to Vietnam.

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TITUS, RICK

Veteran Returns

T.H. Trib-Star 7/20/69

The Fourth of July was really Independence Day this year for Sgt. Rick Titus, who arrived in Terre Haute on that day after serving in Vietnam a year.

During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Sgt. Titus, 22, was attached to the Air Force 336 Tactical Fighter Wing as a supply clerk. He was stationed at the Da Nang air field when a grass fire got out of control and touched off a bomb dump several months ago. "I spent a lot of the time running" he said, explaining the ordeal that sent rockets roaring and shells exploding for nearly 16 hours.

He described morale among the troops as high, but said word of draft protests in the states "keeps them stirred up." Although he does not "understand it all" when it comes to America's involvement in Vietnam, he added, "I had a job to do, and I did it."

Titus, a 1965 graduate of Gerstmeyer High School, enlisted shortly after completing his high school years. His immediate plans include plenty of R&R — rest and recuperation. After that he will look for a job.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harland Titus, 1471 Locust St.



SGT. RICK TITUS

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Gerstmeyer Grad Is Shot In Heart, Survives War

T.H. Trib. 2/1/68

By JAMES DRESSLER

Tribune Staff Writer

Raymond Lowell Watts, a 20-year-old Purple Heart winner and Vietnam veteran from Terre Haute, is lucky to be alive.

And the 1965 graduate of Gerstmeyer Tech High School knows it.

Open heart surgery was performed on Watts Dec. 27 in Vietnam to remove a piece of shrapnel from his heart. It was a very delicate operation, and few in the 91st Evacuation Hospital gave him much chance to survive.

Shortly after the operation, Watts overheard his surgeon, a Col. Gillespie, say, "This boy—I don't know how he made it, but he did."

Officials at the hospital told Watts he is believed to be the first soldier to live after being shot in the heart in such a manner.

At present, Watts is home on a 10-day convalescent leave before going to Great Lakes Naval Hospital (even though he's an Army man) for additional medical treatment, Feb. 11.

Watts already has received a Purple Heart for his action in Vietnam. He is especially proud of the orders which announced his selection as a Purple Heart winner.

He showed a TRIBUNE reporter a copy of the orders. His

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SPC. 4 RAYMOND WATTS

Martin Photo.

copy was autographed by U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, who visited Watts and other wounded soldiers in the hospital in Vietnam.

"Sen. Kennedy asked me how I was," Watts said, "and then told me I was lucky to be alive."

Shrapnel in Heart

Watts said the shrapnel hit him from the left side. It became lodged in his heart, close to the cavity of the heart.

His uncle, James Watts, a professor at Indiana State University, knows it was a close call. "Raymond was very close to death," he said. "If it had penetrated the membrane of the heart, that would have been it."

Young Watts, a Specialist 4, was fighting with the 173rd Airborne Brigade when he was shot. He was in the 503rd Battalion, which he calls "the fightingest battalion in the Army."

"I volunteered for duty in the 173rd Airborne Brigade and volunteered for Vietnam duty," Watts said. "Our whole battalion went to Vietnam together, Oct. 1. I lost a lot of my buddies over there."

He said he was serving as a radio operator on a "heliborne assault" when the regiment of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) started firing on his outfit.

"The fighting had been going on about eight hours when I got hit," he said. "At first, I didn't know I was hit so seriously. I spent about three hours calling for medical help for my buddies before anyone knew how bad I was."

"They loaded me on a chopper and I was taken to the hospital."

"They cut my clothes off me, stuck tubes in me, and rushed me to the Mercy Room."

"I passed out and didn't wake up for four days."

"They split open my chest to operate. They pulled my ribs apart, took the piece of shrapnel out of my heart and sewed me back up."

Watts has a 14-inch scar from just below his neck down the center of his chest to his waist.

"I've got to admit I was scared," Watts said, "but I told myself I was going to make it."

Watts said morale was high in his battalion, but admitted, "It's a hard war to fight."

He said most of the Vietnamese people don't understand why the United States soldiers are there.

"Many of them think we just came over to tear up their country," he said. "Only a few realize we're trying to help them."

One of the toughest days of fighting was Christmas Day, Watts said.

"On Christmas morning we got hit," he said. "One of my buddies was killed and three wounded, while officials said a truce was going on."

Fighting in Vietnam is a tough job, he said. "There are no hot meals for the infantry soldier," he added. "You just live from day-to-day and try to stay alive."

Terre Haute friends of Watts have noted a change in the former Gerstmeyer football, basketball, and baseball player.

Instead of weighing 197, his weight is down to 165, partly a result of his wound and partly due to his rundown condition due to months of fighting in Vietnam.

Watts, while a volunteer for duty in Vietnam, did not volunteer for service. He was drafted for two years on May 24, 1966, and is scheduled to be discharged, May 23, 1968.

"They tell me my heart is not damaged," he said. "I'm hoping to get back to Terre Haute and start living a normal life again one of these days."

Watts is the son of Raymond E. Watts and Helen Clampitt, both of Terre Haute. He is staying with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Utz, while he is on his convalescent leave.

WHEELER

**T. H. SOLDIER GETS
PURPLE HEART**

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Specialist 4th class John S. Wheeler has received the Purple Heart for wounds he received in the Republic of South Vietnam, March 29, while serving with the 101st Airborne Cavalry.

Sp.-4 Wheeler is now stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is a clerk in the finance department. His wife, Linda, and his mother, Mrs. Julia Wheeler, reside in Terre Haute.

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WIGGINS, STEVEN MAX

**SON OF FORMER
RESIDENT KILLED
IN VIET ACTION**

T.H. Trib. 4/6/68
The only son of former Terre Haute residents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wiggins, has been reported killed in action in Vietnam.

Twenty-year-old Sgt. Steven Max Wiggins, an outstanding athlete, died as the result of wounds received while on a combat operation when engaged with a hostile force in a fire-fight, according to information received by his parents at their Vero Beach, Fla., home. His death occurred March 30.

Mrs. Wiggins is the former Maxine Davis of West Terre Haute and Mr. Wiggins was a former grocer of Terre Haute. Also surviving is a sister, Jamelle, at home, and a grandmother, Mrs. Oakie Kink, formerly of Terre Haute, now residing in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sgt. Wiggins was born in Terre Haute, Sept. 5, 1947. The family moved to Florida when he was in grade school. They presently make their home at 1661 11th Place, Vero Beach.

Funeral services are pending at a Vero Beach mortuary.

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